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ECONOMIC CRISIS DUE TO THE WORLD'S SCRAMBLE FOR GOLD.

### SUICIDAL TARIFF POLICY

A bold criticism of the economic policies of the Powers of the world was made by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, at the League session of the European Union at Geneva yesterday.

He declared that the nations were striving by every means to keep out foreign goods and were thereby impoverishing both themselves and others. The principal creditor countries insisted on payment of debts being made, but refused to accept the goods which the debtor countries had to offer and insisted on payment in gold. The consequent scramble for gold had largely contributed to the recent catastrophic fall in prices.

Mr. Henderson stirred his audience by remarking that unemployment, poverty and starvation existed while the corn bins of Europe and Overseas were bursting with food which could not be sold, and capital by countless millions was lying idle in the Banks.

## NO WAR PLOT AGAINST SOVIET

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the afternoon Mr. Henderson opened the session of the Committee on the European Union. He said that Europe was passing through an economic crisis of greatest severity. Unemployment, poverty, and starvation existed while the corn bins of Europe and countries overseas were bursting with food which could not be sold, and capital by countless millions was lying idle in the Banks.

The atmosphere of international security and freedom from fear of war, he insisted, was the first essential for economic prosperity and he agreed with President Hoover that if the Disarmament Conference next year succeeded it would do much to end the world crisis. He said that in many countries public opinion was beginning to understand the useless suffering economic nationalism had caused and was turning in favour of a programme of concerted international action through the machinery of the League of Nations.

The greater part of Europe was urgently calling for credit but the countries which had surplus resources seemed more and more reluctant to lend. He described the barriers against trade as barriers against prosperity and said that he must state most plainly the importance which the British Government attached to the question of tariff reductions.

**Scramble for Gold.**  
Nations were striving by every means to keep out foreign goods and impoverishing both themselves and others. The principal creditor countries insisted on the payment of debts but refused to accept the goods which the debtor countries had to offer and insisted on payment in gold. The consequent scramble for gold had largely contributed to the recent catastrophic fall in prices. They had shut their eyes to the fact that international trade must take the form of barter.

In course of his speech Mr. Henderson appealed to the Russian delegate, M. Litvinov, to banish the thought that members

of the League were plotting war against the Soviet, and assured him that they were hoping for increasing peaceful intercourse and trade and would welcome any help he could give to secure such increased intercourse based upon a mutual observance of international obligations.

After a further discussion at the meeting of the League of Nations Council this morning, in



Mr. A. Henderson.

which Dr. Benes (Czechoslovakia) and Dr. Marinkovitch (Yugo-Slavia) took part, the Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, to refer the Austro-German Customs Union question to the International Court at The Hague was unanimously passed. The German Foreign Minister, Dr. Curtius, also spoke and joined issue with M. Marinkovitch. The matter will later come before the council. He declared that Germany had no intention of pursuing a policy as a great Power detrimental to lesser Powers.—British Wireless Service.

**Practical Proposals.**  
Geneva, Yesterday.  
On Mr. Arthur Henderson's proposal the Commission of the European Union has appointed a committee of 17 members to study the procedure to be adopted for the preparation of definite practical proposals to deal with the world economic crisis.—Reuter.

## BORN IN A PLANE.

### WHILE MOTHER WAS FLYING TO HOSPITAL.

A baby boy was born in an aeroplane at a height of 4,000 feet at Le Pas, Manitoba.

An emergency call was received from a place on the New Hudson Bay Railway, stating that an expectant mother was anxious to be rushed to hospital. Flight-Lieutenant McPhee took off in a monoplane, landed near the patient's home, had her car-

ried on board, and winging his way back when the baby was born.

Mother and baby are stated to be doing nicely.

### "BOADICEA'S SCYTHE."

Damages of £3 15s. against the car-owner were awarded at Westminster County Court to a Civil Servant whose coat was torn as he walked past a stationary motor-car in the Strand, by a sharp point of metal protruding from one of the wings.

Judge Turner—If a man has a sort of Boadicea's scythe on his car and cuts anybody, he must pay for it.

## BUS FARES IN KOWLOON

Opposition to Proposed New System.

HARDSHIP ON COMMUNITY.

A special meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrews' Church Hall on Monday night, for the purpose of considering the proposed new system of bus fares in Kowloon. The President of the Association (Mr. F. C. Mow Fung) was in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from the Divisional Superintendent of Police, Kowloon, enclosing particulars of the application submitted to Government by the three bus companies. Summarised, the suggested system provides for the introduction in place of the present "stage" system of a flat fare of fifteen cents for first class passengers and ten cents for second class passengers for any distance on the respective routes, the new system to come into operation on July 1.

Considerable discussion ensued, and the proposal was examined from all possible angles. The anomaly of an increase of 100 per cent. in short distance second class fares against an increase of only 50 per cent. in short distance first class fares and a decrease of 25 per cent. in long distance first class fares was commented on, and it was agreed that such an increase not only constituted a hardship on the lower class, who were already badly hit by the increased cost of living, but would defeat its object by causing a diminution of traffic. All facts available with regard to the present system having been placed before the Committee, it was moved and carried unanimously that the Association oppose on principle the introduction of a "flat rate" fare, and recommend the retention of the present "stage" system.

Various members having spoken at some length on the inadvisability of the introduction of a new scale of fares which the fluctuations of exchange or the stabilisation of the dollar might render inapplicable within a short space of time, it was agreed that, in forwarding the first motion to the authorities the Committee deprecate any change in the existing fares being made until the intentions of Government with regard to the currency of the Colony are made known.

## REBEL CAMP RAIDED IN BURMA.

Heavy Casualties Made On Insurgents. SITUATION QUIETER.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
A statement on the situation in Burma was made in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Secretary for India. The most important recent event was the discovery of four camps probably the headquarters of rebels, in the jungles in Insein District, which were destroyed after heavy casualties among the rebels, who fled. The effect of this success may be far reaching.

The monsoon has commenced in lower Burma and it is hoped that the situation will quieten down. But, Mr. Benn concluded, on the economic side the position remains difficult.

A Rangoon Press message says that the Burma Government to-day announced that the situation had been reviewed in consultation with the Military Authorities, who did not advise martial law. The General Staff have worked out plans to prevent the rebels penetrating into Upper Burma during the rains.—British Wireless Service.

## SUICIDE PACT?

MAN AND WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL.

Yesterday a man, Yu Man (29), and a woman, Chan Sze (22), succumbed to the effects of opium poisoning which they are alleged to have self-administered in a room in the Mei Chau Hotel, Des Vaux Road Central.

The woman died before arrival at the Government Civil Hospital, whilst the man passed away at 4.45 o'clock this morning.

## BRUTAL ATTACK ON CHINESE GIRL.

British Soldiers in Trouble.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

The story of a brutal robbery from a Chinese girl was related before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Police Court this morning, when Private Alexander Paddam, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was charged, together with an unknown man, with robbing Wong So-lin of \$6 at Yau-mai on May 18, and with using personal violence.

Detective-Inspector Fallon said that the complainant lived on the second floor, of No. 34, Bowring Street, and on the night in question, she was looking through the window of the Pa Hing Theatre, and she had in her hand a handkerchief containing \$6.

She moved off up Gascoigne Road, and a man whom she alleged was defendant snatched her money, which she was looking at. He was accompanied by another man.

Struck in Face.  
She asked for her money back, and defendant struck her in the

## STILL SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: The anti-cyclone has weakened and is now central over S.W. Japan.

The depression remains central to the East of Tourane. Forecast:—S. winds, moderate; fair to showery.

**Rainfall.**  
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—3.94 inches. Total since January 1—20.41 inches against an average of 18.22 inches—excess 2.19.

**Temperature.**  
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—  
Hong Kong ..... 77  
Macao ..... 77  
Pratas Island ..... 85  
Fochow ..... 69  
Manila ..... 79  
Chefoo ..... 60  
Shanghai ..... 59

## PASSING OF THE PATRIA.

Long Service for Macao Government.

PIRACY RECALLED.

Tenders are being called for at Macao for the purchase of the old gunboat Patria, and thus is seen the passing of a gallant little ship which had done service at Macao and on the South China waters for over a quarter of a century.

She was built in the Lisbon Dockyard in 1903 and soon afterwards was sent out to do duty at Macao as the Senior Officer's Ship, China Station in which capacity she remained until a few months ago when the cruiser Adamastor took over from her. Since that time the Patria has been out of commission at Macao until the decision was made in Portugal to dispose of her.

A small two screw vessel of 626 tons, the Patria has the following dimensions, length 196.8, breadth 27.5, and depth 8.4. Her armament comprises four 8.9 guns, six 3-pounders, and one machine gun, and at the time of her completion she was capable of doing 16.7 knots.

**Most Outstanding Service.**  
The most outstanding service that the Patria did to Macao was a few years after her arrival there when she was responsible for the routing of the notorious Colowan pirates from their stronghold on a little island near the Portuguese Colony.

Those pirates were not so bold as their counterpart of the present time but they were bad enough and were the terror of fishing and trading junks. No serious attempt was made to get to grips with the pirates until one day they victimised a junk of

The House of Commons came to grips over the details of the land tax machinery to-day on the motion of the second reading of the Financial Bill.

The Bill passed its second reading after the rejection of a Conservative amendment, by 279 votes to 230, which mainly consisted of an attack on the land tax proposals.

Sir John Simon (Liberal) declared that he would oppose the proposals. He saw no reason why a man should be taxed because he acquired land.—Reuter.

**TORY MOTION LOST.**  
London, Yesterday.

## MOTHER PLEADS FOR HER SON.

House Burned Down in the Country.

YOUNG THIEF BOUND OVER.

Remanded by Mr. Schofield yesterday, Chan Shun (18) made another appearance in the Central Police Court this morning, on a charge of the larceny of a jersey, to which he pleaded guilty. Defendant's mother was present in Court to-day, and in reply to his Worship said that the lad's father could not do any work because he was suffering from beri-beri. "All our houses have been burned down in the country," she said.

The woman said that her son had never run away from the home, but defendant, in reply to Mr. Schofield, maintained that he had.

The Magistrate—You think you can find any one to guarantee your son?

The mother—I know some shop, but I wonder if they are willing to guarantee?

His Worship said that as defendant was Hong Kong born, he would try the effect of binding him over to be of good behaviour for one year, in a surety of \$50. If insufficient surety was found, then defendant would have to go to prison for two months. He would grant a further remand of 24 hours.

## OXFORD HONOUR.

DEGREE TO BE CONFERRED ON EINSTEIN.

RELATIVITY THEORY.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Oxford University Convocation to-day decided to confer the



Prof. A. Einstein.

Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science, upon Professor Einstein at a special convocation on Saturday.—British Wireless Service.

[Professor Einstein is the famous promulgator of the Relativity Theory, which has been challenged by scientists in the United States.]

## HANOI REBELS PAY THE PENALTY.

Revolutionary Leader Arrested.

LIFE SENTENCES.

Hanoi, Yesterday.  
The trial of 60 Communists has ended. One of the accused, Tochan, who was caught carrying the order of a Revolutionary Tribunal condemning the Governor General L. Pasquier, to death, was sentenced to penal servitude for life, and the others from a year's imprisonment to 20 years penal servitude. Fourteen were acquitted.—Reuter.

Macao registry. Then the Naval authorities there decided to act. The task was entrusted to the Patria and she did that work well.

**When Danger Threatened.**  
The passing of the Patria will be regretted by the Portuguese in the East generally for even as far as Shanghai they had not been neglected by her when danger threatened and she had taken her place with other foreign warships to give protection in troubled areas.

When H.R.H. the Prince of Wales visited Hong Kong in 1922 the Patria represented the Portuguese Navy here.

## ST. FRANCIS HOTEL SUMMONED.

How Long Does It Take to Finish a Drink?

MANAGER FINED.

Mr. Alfonso J. Hund, manager of the St. Francis Hotel, was this morning summoned before Mr. W. Schofield with having committed a breach of the conditions of his permit by allowing liquor to be consumed on the premises during prohibited hours, namely, 12.30 a.m.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, appearing for the defence, said that they would plead guilty to a technical offence, as there was no doubt that people were drinking in the hotel after twelve o'clock. He went on to state that no drinks were sold after that hour, but only consumed. The question then was this.

What is a reasonable time after midnight that one could consume a drink bought just before that hour? It was a well known fact, and he had experienced it himself, said Mr. Hall Brutton, that at the Colony's hotels, such as Repulse Bay and the Peninsula, one bought a last drink just before 12 o'clock, but had that person to consume the liquor then? He submitted that fifteen minutes would be a reasonable time after the clock struck midnight. The summons had stated 12.30 a.m. but the defence would say that it was 12.30 a.m., but as it was only a ten minutes' difference they would not quibble over the point.

No Further Complaints.

Mr. Hall Brutton pointed out that after Mr. Hund had been warned by Inspector Bloor, he (Mr. Hund) had notices conspicuously displayed in the hotel to the effect that guests were requested to leave the hotel not later than 12.10 a.m. The Police would agree that there had been no further complaints and he would ask his Worship to administer a caution.

For the prosecution, Inspector E. Bloor said that on May 3 he went with Sub-Inspector A. W. Smith to the St. Francis Hotel, and in the lounge on the first floor he found fifteen people, every one of whom had a drink on a table in front of him. In the Service bar, Sub-Inspector Smith found nine people. There was no attendant at the bar.

The Magistrate remarked that he thought that ten minutes after 12 o'clock was reasonable time within which people could consume drinks.

"Very Comfortable"

Inspector Bloor said that he would not have minded if it was fifteen minutes, but for the fact that there seemed to be no signs of the bar being cleared. "Everybody seemed to be very comfortable, and it appeared as if they were going to be there for a long time," he added.

Replying to the Magistrate, Inspector Bloor said that on the night in question Mr. Hund was absent, as he had to visit a sick friend, and probably the guests took advantage of his absence. He was asking his Worship to treat the case as a technical one.

Mr. Schofield imposed a fine of \$5.

## DUKE OF ABERCORN.

London, Yesterday.  
The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company announce that the Duke of Abercorn resigned from the Court of Directors on April 16.—Reuter.

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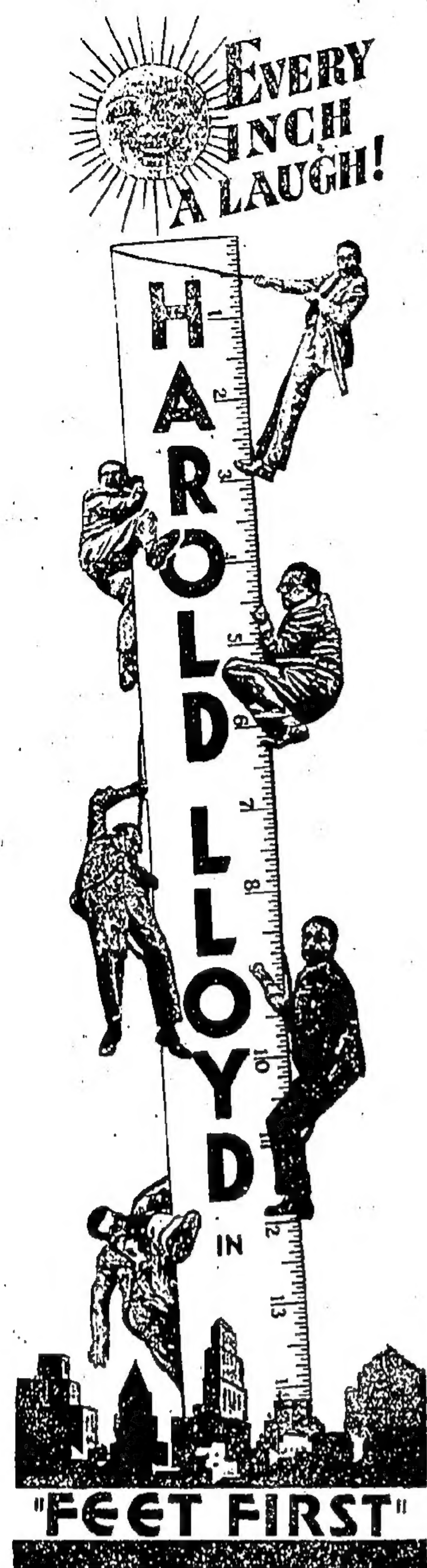
Bahia, To-day.  
The first ten months and a half working of the Bank of International Settlements, ended on March 31, resulted in a profit enabling the payment of six per cent. dividend. The deposits on March 31 were 1,780,000,000 Swiss francs and the assets and liabilities 1,900,000,000 Swiss francs.—Reuter.

Roubaix, To-day.  
It is now computed that nine-tenths of the staffs of the Roubaix, Tourcoing, and neighbouring mills are idle. Conditions are peaceful. The weavers at Maclac, in the Loire district, have also struck.—Reuter.









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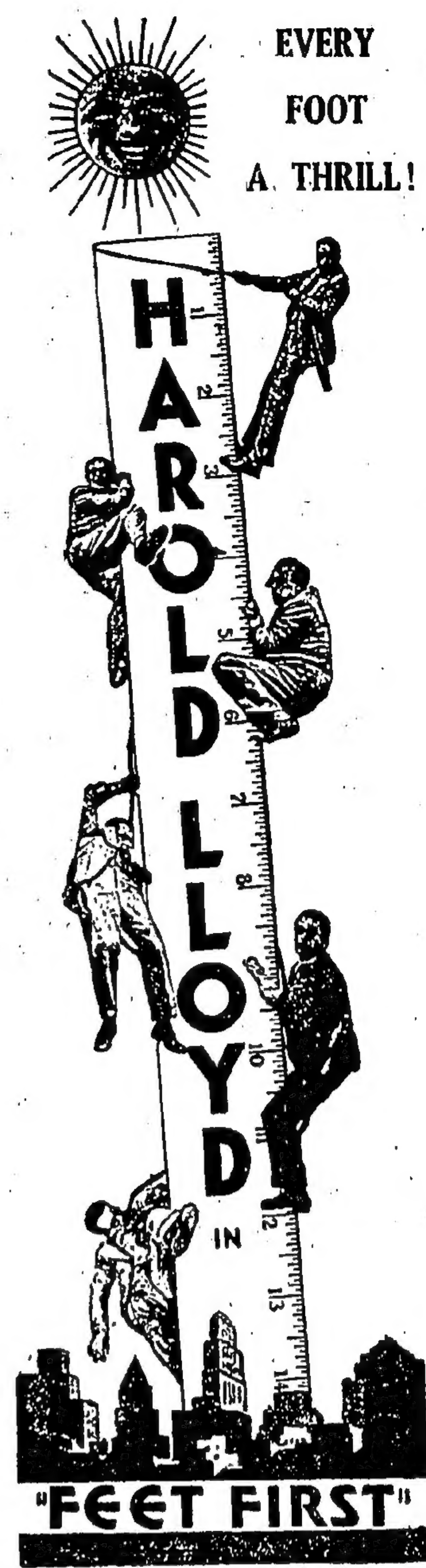
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 23rd and MONDAY, 25th May, 1931, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on both days. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 per day for Gentlemen and \$3 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 per day including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price. Bookmakers, Tic-Tac men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th May, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

### NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

All members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held at the Club House on the 27th day of May, 1931, immediately after the half-yearly meeting of the Voting Members when the subjoined resolution will be proposed:—

That Article 6 of the Articles of Association of the Club be altered by deleting therefrom the words "Ordinary Members may be unlimited in number" and substituting therefor the words "The number of Ordinary Members shall be one thousand two hundred or such greater number as the Voting Members shall from time to time determine."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a Further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Club will be held at the same place on WEDNESDAY, the Seventeenth Day of June, 1931, at a quarter past five o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming the above mentioned Resolution.

By Order of the Stewards,  
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Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th May, 1931.

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### 'SHOCKING SENTENCE' ON EUROPEAN.

Appeal by Rubber Estate  
Assistant.

ADAMANT JUDGE.

At the High Court, Rangoon, Mr. Justice Dunkley heard the appeal of Mr. G. R. Maydwell against the sentence of two years' rigorous imprisonment passed on him by the Sessions Judge of Tavoy and Mergui on a charge of misappropriation of Rs. 16,000 belonging to the Mergui Crown Rubber Estate.

Mr. T. F. R. MacDonnell appeared for the appellant.

Arguing the appeal, counsel said that the appellant had been for five years employed in the Mergui Rubber Estate as accountant and book-keeper and also as field assistant. It appeared the appellant misappropriated Rs. 16,800 of his employer's cash. After the misappropriation

was discovered, the appellant was arrested in Rangoon in the beginning of March and had been in custody ever since.

The misappropriation had come to light mainly through the appellant's confession to the manager of the estate. The money was repaid in full to the estate by a third party, an hour after the report was made to the Police. It was paid on the condition that the prosecution would be withdrawn as the employers had suffered no loss. When the matter came before the District Magistrate, an application was made supported by the Public Prosecutor to withdraw the case, but the District Magistrate committed the case to the Sessions Judge.

Before the Sessions Judge, he pleaded guilty and urged in extenuation that the money had been repaid and that the prosecution had been continually pressing for the withdrawal of the case. But the Sessions Judge, continued counsel, preferred to convict the appellant and sentenced him to two years' rigorous imprisonment.

Counsel submitted that in a case of this kind the Sessions Judge had erred in passing a shocking sentence of two years. Orders were reserved.

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Sumatra Maru	Wed.	3rd June
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MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Sydney Maru	Fri.	5th June
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Tacoma Maru	Mon.	1st June
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NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kinai Maru	Mon.	1st June
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HAIPHONG via Hoikow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru (under docking)	Thurs.	11th June
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TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Deli Maru	Thurs.	21st May

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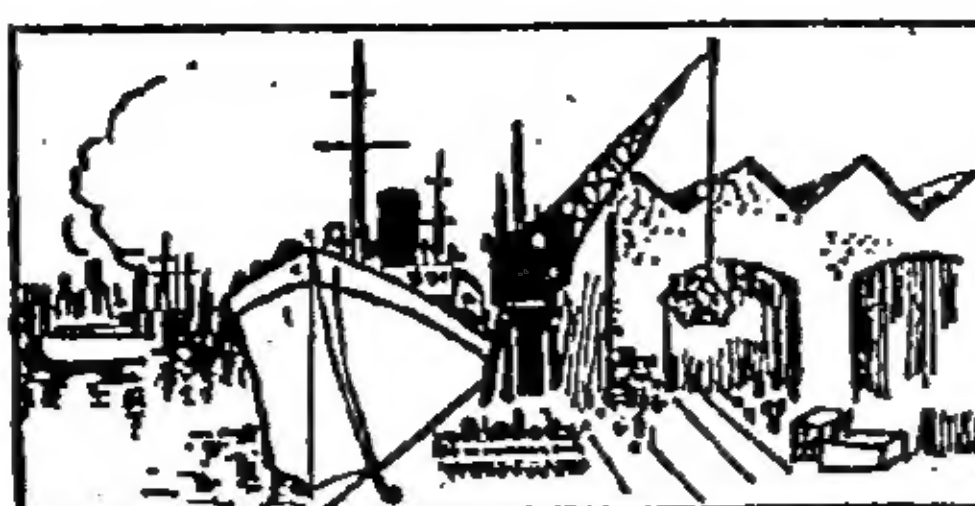
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We have good reason to remember and be grateful to the clippers and clipper ships, not only because their very names call up a world of sea romance, of tall ships clothed in the trucks in gleaming pyramids of canvas, or shortened down to a minimum of sail as they were tearing along before the gales of "the Roaring Forties," running their Easting down, and of skilled and gallant seamanship, but also because they regained for us the supremacy of the sea, which for a time was completely wrested from us by America.

Both because of their romance and their importance, it is of special interest to trace back to the beginning of the clippers, and to find that the first real clipper built in Great Britain was the little 150-ton schooner Scottish Maid, launched in 1839 for the London Aberdeen run.

The Mother of the Clippers. It may even be fairly argued that she was the first of clippers built anywhere, if we take the meaning of the word to be a vessel built first and foremost for speed; and remember that the only others given the name up to then were the "Baltimore Clippers," dating further back to the American War, but built first as fighting ships; a good gun platform with strength to resist enemy broadsides.

The Scottish Maid was built essentially for speed, because her purpose was to regain the trade which was beginning to go to the paddle-steamers trading out of London River. She was so successful in making quicker average passages than the steamers that three other schooners were built to her model, and she continued to sail for fifty years, until she was wrecked.

She was certainly the little mother of all our clippers — if not of every clipper — because when a London firm of China merchants wanted a fast clipper for the opium trade they naturally went to the builders of the Scottish Maid, who, to their order, built the opium clipper Torrington, again designed in the first place for speed.

Years later, when the same firm wanted a tea clipper-ship, they again went to the same builders of the "Aberdeen Clippers." The Opium Clippers needed their speed for even better and grimmer reasons than the London-Aberdeen ones. For some years before Jardine Matheson and Co. (the London firm whose name appears always in the forefront of those who kept our clipper flag flying) had ordered the Torrington, a number of schooners were employed in the business of running opium from India to China and distributing it along the coast there.

Huge profits were earned by these schooners, one, indeed, selling opium worth over a quarter of a million sterling in a single year, and the Americans were quickly attracted to the trade.

Caught by Chinese Pirates. But because of their valuable cargoes of opium, or of the hard

coin or silver bars paid for it, the pirate prahu which infested the China waters, the bays along the coast or the narrow channels of approach from India, kept a constant lookout and missed no chance of attacking the opium carriers.

As certainly as one of these lay becalmed or was sailing sluggishly along the coast, out would dart from half a dozen to a score of prahus, packed with men armed to the teeth, driven under the urge of banks of oars, or sail and oars. If once they could surround their victim, her doom was sealed, because with the prahu dashing in from every direction it was impossible to beat them all off, no matter how many guns were carried or how well they were served.

A few minutes before the prahu crashed in, a shower of "stink-pots" flew from their decks, and, breaking their fragile clay skins as they fell, spurted out dense volumes of suffocating smoke and flesh-searing chemicals.

Then, as prahu after prahu crashed alongside, hordes of reckless savages hacked through the boarding net and poured down on deck. Dozens might be shot or cut down, but there were always more dozens to follow, and the end was inevitable.

The hapless survivors either had their throats cut on the spot, or—because the pirates always enjoyed a little of their peculiar forms of pleasure mixed with business—their hands and feet were tied and they were tossed overboard, sometimes singly and sometimes in bundles of several together.

The American Challenge.—The Opium Clippers were built like yachts, with tall raking masts and vast spreads of canvas. In the lightest of airs they could "ghost" along at a speed that defied the prahu, and in anything like a good breeze could literally sail rings round them.

Nearly all were schooners or brigs of up to about 300 tons. They were at last beaten by steam because even in a flat calm the steamers could escape where the clipper could not. But steam did not beat the pirates, and to this day you may read of some pirate gang shipping as cooie passengers, and rising suddenly when at sea to overpower and murder the crew and take possession of the ship.

When the monopoly of the H.E. India Company ended, in 1854, our carrying trade from the East to Britain was still protected by the Navigation Laws, which prohibited foreign ships from bringing cargoes to Britain.

But the Americans were working up a big trade between China and America, and a fleet of fast ships for it. They built the first "clipper ships"—the distinction between these and "clippers" being that in the clipper-ship the fast yacht-like lines of the small schooners and brigs were applied to the larger deep-water voyaging vessels of "ship rig" with square sails on all three masts.

These American clipper ships were storming to and from China and America, while our old Indiamen and Blackwallers were making their leisurely, long, snug-down-for-the-night passages.

And in 1850 there came a shattering blow to British pride when, after our Navigation Laws were repealed, the first American ship, Oriental, arrived in London River 97 days out from China—"the fastest voyage on record." Crowds flocked to see the wonder ship, to gaze in admiration and awe at her towering masts, her huge spread of yards, her beautiful lines.

And there was consternation in the City and riverside coffee-houses, where the shipping world met for business or gossip, on learning that the Oriental had loaded "1,000 tons of lead at £8 a ton, when all ships loading at Whampoa at the same time only got £3 10s." The American challenge was promptly accepted, and the war was on. The same London firm that had ordered the first Opium Clipper, gave orders to the same builders for The Stormoway, a ship that would compete with the Americans. Boyd Cable in the Evening News.

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### A WONDER SHIP.

LAUNCHING OF GERMANY'S NEW BATTLESHIP.

THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS.

Kiel, Yesterday. A salute fired from all the ships and coastal batteries greeted the arrival of President Hindenburg to preside at the launching, in the presence of thousands of spectators, of Germany's 10,000 ton battleship Ersatz Preussen, now christened the Deutschland, the £4,000,000 wonder ship. This is the ship which upset the calculations of the world's disarmament experts. The vessel's cruising range is 18,000 miles, with a speed of 26 knots, six eleven-inch and eight five-inch guns, four anti-aircraft guns, and six torpedo tubes, being driven by featherweight Diesel engines of secret design. Germany plans to build three more Deutschland before 1936.

The city was gaily beflagged and the whole German fleet was in the harbour, while the 56,000 spectators of the launching included the Chancellor, Dr. Brüning, Ministers, naval attaches, service men, students and 10,000 school children.

Dr. Brüning in a speech said Germany had shown the world that in spite of restrictions imposed on her and severe economic distress she had found strength to safeguard peace and protect her honour. Germany was loyally fulfilling the disarmament obligations, and expected that disarming by others would follow.

There was a remarkable contretemps owing to a workman prematurely removing the wedges. The Deutschland glided into the water before she was christened, so President Hindenburg named her in the water.—Reuter.

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, May 18.  
Kiungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. J. Larter, from Hoikow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.  
President Pierce, American str., 14,123 tons, Capt. Henry Nelson, from San Francisco, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.  
Shun Lee, Chinese str., 949 tons, Capt. B. Miyakawa, from Chefoo, buoy No. C6.—Yee Tai Hong.

Tuesday, May 19.  
Atsuta Maru, Japanese str., 7,983 tons, Capt. Y. Kawashima, from Australia via ports, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.  
Celebes Maru, Japanese str., 4,258 tons, Capt. Z. Ito, from Moji via Sakito, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Chipshing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. D. Pethick, from Wei-hai-wei, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.  
Elpenor, British str., 4,324 tons, Captain R. J. Wilson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—B. & S.

Hiroshi Maru No. 3, Japanese str., 664 tons, Capt. Y. Okada, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.M.  
Ichang, British str., 1,228 tons, Captain J. S. Anderson, from Swatow, buoy No. C6.—B. & S.

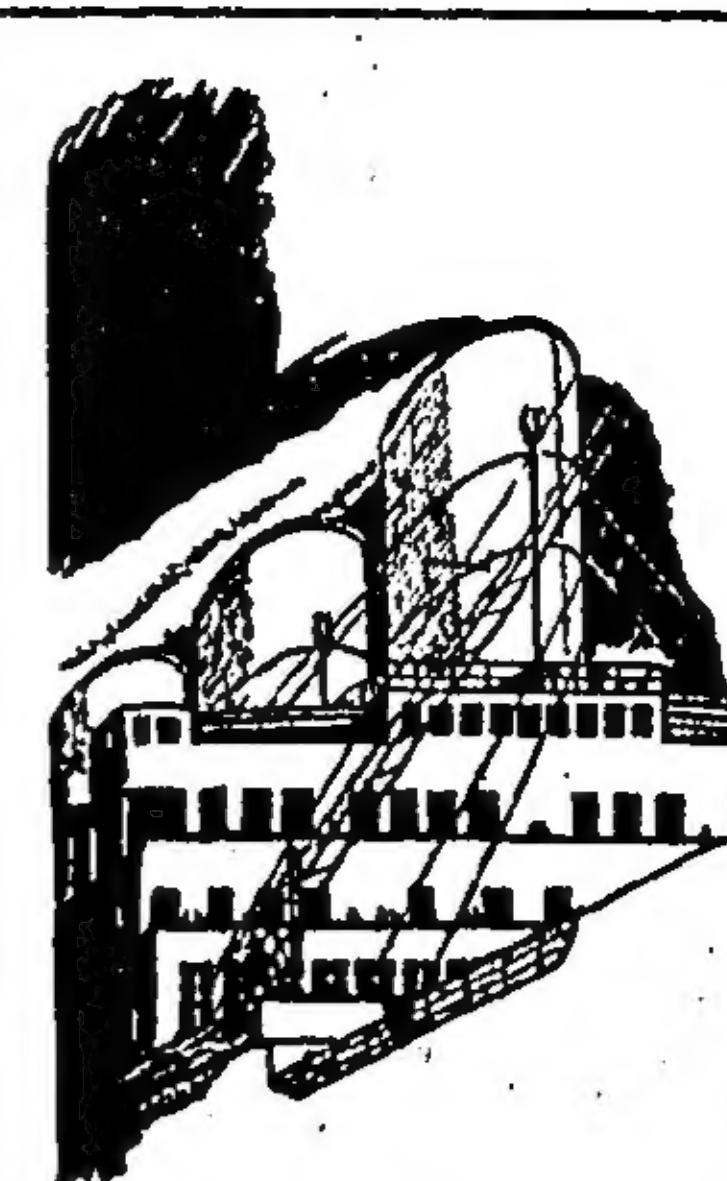
Luchow, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. W. J. King, from Swatow, buoy No. B8.—B. & S.  
Oostkerk, Dutch str., 5,002 tons, Capt. G. Mohr, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—J.C.J.L.

Shun Chih, Chinese str., 1,251 tons, Captain T. Thorbjørnsen, from Saigon, buoy No. B18.—Chang Tong Ha.

Tungsha, Norwegian str., 3,359 tons, Captain Sørensen, from Manila, buoy No. A7.—Thoresen & Co.  
Yuen Lee, Chinese str., 1,661 tons, Captain A. Krunkle, from Swatow, buoy No. B8.—Yuen Seng Fat.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—  
Bruce—In dock.  
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.  
Odin—In dock.  
Otus—In dock.  
Proteus—North arm.  
Sandwich—No. 3 buoy.  
Sirdar—West wall dock.  
Somme—No. 12 buoy.  
Sterling—North arm.  
Tarantula—East wall.  
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Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 1	July 8
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 13	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	July 31	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 10	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 24	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 29	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 7	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 21	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 5	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 19	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Nov. 2	Nov. 9
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 16	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	Dec. 1	Dec. 7

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### INWARD MAILS.

Straits	WEDNESDAY, MAY 20.	Santhia
Manila	THURSDAY, MAY 21.	Empress of Japan
Shanghai and Amoy	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Newchwang
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, April 23 and Parcels, April 16)	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Ranpura
Java and Manila	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Tjisondari
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, May 2)	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	President Taft
Japan and Shanghai	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Comorin
Japan	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Kitano Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, April 30)	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Asama Maru
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, April 29)	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Hiye Maru
Shanghai and Amoy	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Tjinegara

### OUTWARD MAILS.

Amoy	WEDNESDAY, MAY 20.	Tai Yuan	3.30 p.m.
Samahui and Wuchow	THURSDAY, MAY 21.	Tai Ming	4 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa	THURSDAY, MAY 21.	Deli Maru	10.30 a.m.
Straits	THURSDAY, MAY 21.	Van Heutz	10.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	THURSDAY, MAY 21.	King Yuan	12.30 p.m.
Swatow	THURSDAY, MAY 21.	Hydrangea	3 p.m.
Saigon	THURSDAY, MAY 21.	Shun Chih	3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	THURSDAY, MAY 21.	Tai Ping	(Due Thursday Island, June 2.)
		Parcels	May 21, 5 p.m.
		Registration	May 22, 9.45 a.m.
		Letters	May 22, 10.30 a.m.
	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Kwangtung	20 a.m.
		Ranpura	2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Empress of Japan	(Due Vancouver, B.C., June 10 and "Europe via Siberia.")
Shanghai and "Europe via Siberia"	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Parcels	May 22, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and "Europe via Vancouver, B.C."	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Registration	May 23, 9.45 a.m.
		Letters	May 23, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	FRIDAY, MAY 22.	Comorin	(Due Marseilles, June 19.)
		Parcels	G.P.O. May 22, 5 p.m.
		Registration	May 23, 9.45 a.m.
		Letters	May 23, 10.30 a.m.

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*KAWALPINDI	17,000	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*PERIM	7,700	25th July	Marseilles, Havre & London.
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*SOMALI	6,000	8th Aug.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*RAJPUTANA	17,000	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*PADUA	6,000	22nd Aug.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KARMALA	9,000	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
*CATHAY	15,000	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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KARMALA	9,000	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Their dimensions are: Length overall, 487ft.; breadth moulded, 64ft.; depth moulded to shelter deck, 41ft.; gross tonnage, 9,990. They have straight stem, two masts and a single funnel, and have a forecastle forward and a bridge amidships extended as a promenade deck over the cruiser stern aft. Above the bridge are fitted a promenade deck, boat deck, navigating bridge and flying bridge. The ships are built to Lloyd's 100 A.1 highest class, and to the Board of Trade's latest requirements for passenger vessels, including those of the 1929 International Convention for the safety of life at sea.

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The accommodation and decoration generally has been designed for the Indian Ocean and hot weather conditions with large opening windows, light panelling, and cool upholstery. The dining saloon is decorated in Georgian style with ivory-coloured panelled walls, and can seat 77 persons at small tables. The music-room is a large room decorated in Wedgwood blue, and the windows look into the observation shelter. The furniture includes a piano and an electrically-operated gramophone. The smoking-room is finished in polished oak in simple Elizabethan style with lattice windows, and abate the smoking-room is the sports deck, a large covered space suitable for dancing, deck tennis or other games.

The second-class accommodation is situated in the midship bridge. The rooms are arranged for two, three or four berths, and wherever possible the beds are of the cot type. There is a washbasin with water laid on in each stateroom. The dining saloon seats 130 persons and is decorated in a cool shade of cream; the music-room and smoking-room are handsome rooms situated at the aft end of the promenade deck, and there are covered shelters and promenades reserved for the second-class passengers. An information office or bureau is provided for both the first and second-class passengers, as well as a dispensary and a consulting room and also a laundry.

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T'au via S'tow & S'hai	..CHAKSANG	..Sun.. 31st May at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'tow & S'hai	..YATSHING	..Wed.. 3rd June at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	HOSANG	..Mon.. 8th June at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG	..Mon.. 16th June at 3 p.m.
O'saka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	..YUENSANG	..Sun.. 22nd June at 3 p.m.
O'saka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	..KUMSANG	..Fri.. 31st May at 7 a.m.
O'saka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	..SUISANG	..Wed.. 1st July at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	..MAUSANG	..Wed.. 27th May at Noon
Sandakan	..HINSANG	..Fri.. 5th June at Noon
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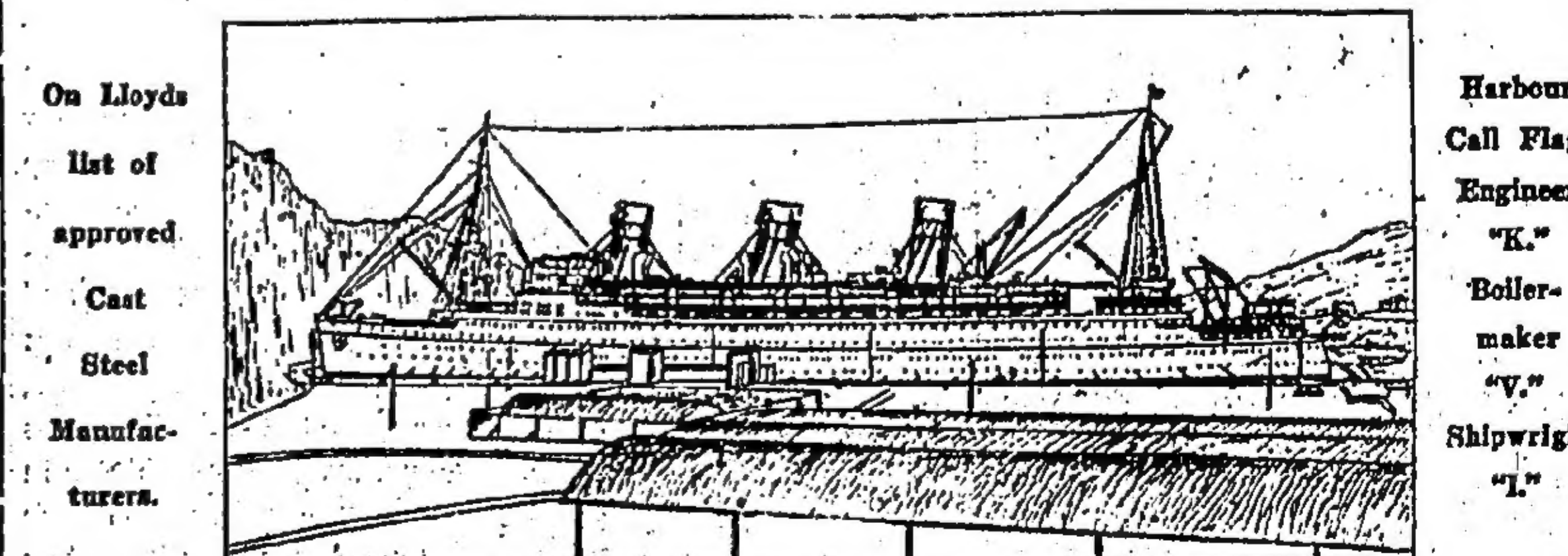
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### Kowloon Bus Fares.

It is pleasing to be able to record that any fear previously entertained that the Kowloon Residents' Association would be caught napping in regard to the proposed new system of bus fares on the mainland has been dissipated.

It will be recalled that recently the three bus companies operating in Kowloon submitted to the Government an application for the approval of a new system providing for the introduction, in place of the present "stage" system, of a flat rate of fifteen cents for first class passengers and ten cents for second class passengers for any distance on the respective routes, the new system to come into force on July 1. As usual the low exchange is blamed for the "necessity" to standardise the first and second class fares. We have been told that petrol, tyres, repairs, accessories, and even the buses themselves have to be paid for in gold, and are costing twice as much now as when the dollar stood at two shillings. We re-echo the hope of the *Sunday Herald* that neither the Government nor the Kowloon Residents' Association will be in the slightest way impressed by this special piece of pleading. To a mere handful on the outskirts of the bus routes it may seem something of a concession to be able to travel all the way for fifteen cents first class and ten cents second class, but what of the great majority of the poorer

classes who cover only short distances in the buses?

That special pleading, we are now glad to say, has not at all impressed the Kowloon Residents' Association. The anomaly of an increase of 100 per cent. in short distance second class fares against an increase of only 50 per cent. in short distance first class fares and a decrease of 25 per cent. in long distance first class fares would constitute, in the opinion of the K.R.A., a hardship on the lower class who are already badly hit by the increased cost of living. After full discussion the Committee of the K.R.A. unanimously oppose on principle the introduction of a flat rate fare and recommend the retention of the present "stage" system. The Committee further deprecate any change in the existing system of bus fares until the intentions of the Government are made known regarding the currency of the Colony.

It is to be devoutly hoped that these views of the Committee of the K.R.A. will carry due weight with the authorities. They will assuredly meet with the wholehearted approbation of every patron of the buses on the mainland. First things first—and the first act of the bus system on the mainland is, as the *Sunday Herald* has already stated in no unmeasured terms, Service!

### News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 73. At 10 a.m. the humidity was 94 and at 4 p.m. 96.

Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. yesterday the rainfall was 1.11 inch, up to 10 a.m. To-day the total was 3.94 inches.

Detective-Sergeant Paton, Traffic-Sergeant McInnis and Lance-Sergeant Sherry are leaving for Home leave on Saturday on the P. & O. s.s. Comorin.

The Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association has decided to approach the Colonial Secretary with regard to the provision of a parking space for cars at the Yau Ma Tei Ferry Wharf.

A man named Lai Ming-ching, who jumped from the second floor of 818 Queen's Road West on May 3, and sustained injuries which caused his removal to the Government Civil Hospital, died at 10 o'clock last night.

A Chinese police guard attempted to leave the tram from Canton while it was moving into the Shum-chun station yesterday afternoon when he fell. He was taken on to Kowloon, where he was taken to hospital. He is reported to be in a critical condition.

### LAST HOURS OF SHACKLETON.

"I Wonder If I Shall See  
That Lagoon."

#### FATAL JOURNEY.

Commander Frank Worsley, D.S.O., master of Shackleton's *Endurance*, has written a book which sheds brilliant light on the adventures which made the explorer famous.

The author was with Shackleton when he lost the *Endurance*, and on his last ill-fated journey to the South Pole.

Admiral Lord Jellicoe has written a foreword to the book, in which he pays a magnificent tribute to Shackleton.

"Shackleton is dead, but the Shackleton spirit goes on. It is the spirit which animated our seamen during the Great War; the spirit which led the officers and men of the Merchant Navy to carry on their essential work in face of all the dangers and horrors of unrestricted submarine warfare; the spirit with which, as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet, I was familiar in respect of the officers and men of the Royal Navy.

#### Care for His Men.

"Shackleton embodied in himself those great qualities, and it is for that reason that Commander Worsley wishes to see valued at its true worth the memory of a man who typified so much that should continue to be beloved by his countrymen."

Shackleton's care for his men, the truly wonderful sacrifices he made for them, are brought to light in this fine book.

It is difficult to quote from the mass of magnificent detail which goes to make up this book. The last chapter however, provides as ample of its merit.

"As we drew close towards South Georgia the weather naturally got worse, and on Christmas Day the wind blew at hurricane force, so that we were obliged to heave-to."

"One worry after another now seemed to fall upon poor Shackleton. The boiler developed a serious crack, which, if we had tried to drive the vessel at full speed, must have produced an explosion. Our water tank sprang a leak and fresh water was lost."

#### His Fighting Spirit.

"This situation, strangely enough, instead of depressing Shackleton, aroused his fighting spirit, and he became more like the Shackleton of the old days of the *Endurance* than he had been at any time during our journey in the *Quest*."

"When we arrived at the whaling station of Grytviken on January 4, 1922, Shackleton, displaying all his old energy, went ashore to arrange various details of work. Afterwards he came back on board."

"We dined, and then the others went away fishing, leaving Shackleton and myself together. Although he looked tired, he yawned away animatedly enough, and therefore I am unable to offer any explanation of a growing uneasiness which took possession of me. We began to play his favourite game of Racing Patience, but since he seemed to want to talk rather than to play, we soon put the cards aside."

"Our conversation naturally turned the direction in which our explorations of the Antarctic should take. That talk is unforgettable."

"Would you like to land near Enderby Land?" he asked, and went on without waiting for me to answer, "I would give you sledges and four or five men, and anything you discovered would be in your own name."

Change of Mood.  
"I said, 'Thanks, old man,' and put my hand on his. 'Now, what about that old lagoon, Skipper?' he said, reverting to the topic that invariably seemed to divert him."

"Then a curious thing happened. For upwards of three months he had always spoken of our journey to the lagoon as a certainty, and as though there remained only the details to be settled. Now, suddenly, his mood changed. It seemed as if he had forgotten for a moment that I was there, sitting beside him, for he mused aloud, in a tone filled with doubt: 'I wonder, whether I shall ever see the Skipper's lagoon?'"

"That sort of thing was unlike Shackleton, and I wondered whether he knew something about himself that was hidden from me."

"When it grew late, I said, 'We had better turn in now.'"

"Just as I was about to remove my sweater, I thought: I heard him calling me, but when I popped my head round the door he was sitting exactly as I had left him."

#### "Good Old Skipper."

"Thought you shouted for me."

### LOVERS CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Case Against the Man  
Dismissed.

#### GIRL SENT TO JAIL.

To-day Lau Kam-lam, (17) a woman, and Lo Kau, (22) alleged to be her sweetheart, were jointly charged in the Kowloon Police Court with the larceny and receiving of jewellery to the value of \$110 from the second floor of No. 339, Portland Street, between May 12 and 18. It was stated in Court that the complainant, Li Kai-chin, reported the loss to the Police Station, on May 18, and a detective made a search of the adjoining cubicle which was occupied by defendants. Several bills were found relating to the sale of jewellery. On enquiries, this proved to be part of the stolen property. The defendants were arrested and the woman admitted the theft.

The only evidence against the man was that he redeemed part of the jewellery on May 18, and the case against him was dismissed. Six weeks' imprisonment was imposed on the girl.

#### LOTTERY BILL.

TO AUTHORISE RAISING OF  
CHARITY FUNDS.

#### COMMONS PURITANICAL.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons to-day Sir William Davidson asked leave to introduce a Bill authorising the raising of money by lotteries for the support of British Hospitals. The House refused leave to bring in the Bill by 181 votes to 58.—British Wireless Service.

#### A FAMILY AFFAIR.

But Police And Troops Had To  
Take A Part In It.

A pitched battle between thousands of natives is reported from Bouira, in Algeria. It was the result of a family feud, and the natives, among whom were many prominent men, came to blows on market day.

Gendarmes and troops were hurriedly called out from neighbouring stations, and, with considerable effort, put an end to the fight. They made 120 arrests.

No European was molested.

#### GREATER PARIS.

Big Increase In Suburban  
Population.

The recent census shows that, while the population of Paris itself has scarcely grown since the last census, which was taken in 1926, the number only increasing by 20,000, the suburban inhabitants have increased by 280,000.

Ground was broken on the property of the Canadian Industries Limited the other day for the erection of a superphosphate plant. This is the firm which about two years ago absorbed the Grassell Chemical interests in Canada and acquired that company's plant at Hamilton. The new building will be of steel and concrete construction throughout, measuring 240 feet by 84 feet with a lean-to of 36 feet on one side. In addition a large wooden building 294 feet by 80 feet with concrete floor is to be provided for the storage of phosphate rock. The cost of buildings is estimated at \$400,000. The machinery has all been purchased and it is anticipated that production will commence on June 1, 1931.

I said, as he motioned me to enter. He smiled and, as he had done often in the past, murmured aloud, "Good old Skipper."

"I glanced at him as I closed the cabin door, but nothing warned me that this was the last time I should see him alive. Less than five hours later he was dead."

"As dawn approached, I began to think of the crew who would have to be told. All hands were mustered at 8 o'clock, and Wild broke the news to them. Shackleton and he had been friends and shipmates for twenty years, and during that long period had shared their joys and sorrows, disappointments and triumphs. Even while he spoke to the men I thought that he would find it difficult to foresee a life in which Shackleton, no longer played a part."

"Endurance," by Commander Frank Worsley, D.S.O. (Phillip Allan & Co., 21s.)

### HONG KONG AS AN AIR CENTRE.

Interesting Prophecy  
for the Future.

#### EXPERIMENTS IN FLYING.

The importance of Hong Kong as a radial air route centre was emphasised by Wing Commander A. W. F. Glenn, M.C., D.C.S., at the weekly tiffin of the Rotary Club yesterday.

The speaker referred to air accidents, to begin with. He was of opinion that rather more accurate information should be supplied to the Press, at the same time pointing out that the majority of accidents occurred in stunt or experimental flying. Quite ninety per cent. even of these accidents were due to personal and human error, and not to structural or mechanical failure in machines or engines. In ordinary civil and commercial aviation there had been very few serious crashes.

#### Hong Kong Prospects.

After referring to the value of experimental flying in the R.A.F., the speaker went on to discuss the future of Hong Kong in aviation. In this connection he said:—

In should now like to refer to a few points about air travel which must interest us all since it would bring Hong Kong so close to Singapore and Shanghai and within a matter of minutes of Canton and Macao. Geographically, the situation of Hong Kong is ideal and is a centre from which lines should radiate to link up with the Britain-Australia routes, with Shanghai, Japan, Manila and China. It has an immense future before it as such. As it happens, most of these routes are for the greater part over the sea where the navigational difficulties for a flying boat are not so great as in over land flying because of the absence of land obstacles, and in which the sea provides a continuous alighting place.

On the other hand the weather conditions, particularly in the Spring, are not exactly ideal for regular flying. Adequate weather forecasting and reporting stations and the extended co-operation of ships at sea, together with the use of up-to-date aids to navigation, such as the automatic pilot and directional finding wireless, should go a long way towards counteracting the difficulties. It is quite essential to make the fullest use of such aids to ensure regularity and safety. If it is contemplated to make Hong Kong an air port, may I make a few personal suggestions of what I believe to be necessary for success.

#### What Is Needed.

- (1) Do not make the stages of the route too long to start with, and provide as many alternative landing places as funds will permit.
- (2) Establish weather report centres and a good forecasting service.
- (3) Provide aids to navigation particularly in the way of directional finding wireless.
- (4) Decide on what you require from your aircraft, and employ a multi-engine type which can do the work you want.
- (5) Provide adequate and efficient maintenance staff and facilities.
- (6) Have, at least, 100 per cent. reserve of machines and engines, and,
- (7) Do not be too ambitious at first.

Mail will probably pay best to start with. A beginning might be made with a service to Macao and Canton.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy returned thanks to the speaker at the close of the address.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of  
May 20, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2 1/4%.

In connection with the Shamshuipo oil factory fire a Chinese was charged in Magistrate Orme's Court this morning with the larceny of the machinery of a clock. The Police said that, while the fire was in progress, the master of an adjacent house endangered by falling sparks, decided to vacate the premises. Before the servants left the place their effects were inspected and the clockwork was found in a basket belonging to the defendant. The defendant, who frankly admitted the theft, said that he thought the house would catch fire, and, in anticipation of unemployment, stole the clockwork in order to raise the money to buy a passage back to the country. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.



## THE LOG Of The "TRADER HORN" Expedition.

by W. S. Van Dyke  
Exclusive to the "China Mail"

Butaba, Uganda, May 11.  
If you will be kind enough to open your atlas to a map of Africa you will find Lake Albert just to the left of your wife's index finger. She is pointing to Lake Victoria, which is quite another matter; we left there four or five days ago. And then when you have located Lake Albert you may find a dot on the southeast shore labelled Butaba. And if you have an exceptional atlas it is possible that you will notice that there is a boat at the Butaba pier. But in any event, let it be known that I am approximately half way between the town and the boat. In another hour I will be on the boat, headed for Murchison Falls at the other end of the lake.

It was partly the Imperial Hotel at Kampala and partly the fact that we are all anxious to get started on the actual business of our expedition—the making of a moving picture—that made us decide to get on up country in such haste.

The morning after our arrival at Kampala we were up very early. While two of the boys remained behind to negotiate the hire of suitable lorries for our safari, I jumped into a taxi and drove over to Entebbe to see the Governor of Uganda. The trip is much like the one from Jinja to Kampala—the roads are smooth, the foliage is dense and there is just enough change of topography to relieve the monotony of the ride.

A Residential Centre.  
The town of Entebbe itself stands high above Lake Victoria on a bluff. It is peopled by a great many Europeans who hold the Government positions and is, consequently, a residential centre of unusual beauty. The Governor,



"Why is there no picture in that frame?"  
"That is the posthumous work of the great artist, Rodriguez."  
Buen Humor, Madrid.

Sir William Gowers, occupies a large rambling mansion which covers the choicest promontory within the town limits. I was told by his secretary that he was indisposed, suffering from fever, and so the opportunity of exploring his estate was lost to me. I was disappointed as well in being unable to meet His Excellency. He is spoken of throughout this part of Africa as one of the most unusual men in His Majesty's service, having spent more than thirty years in the continent as an elephant hunter, district commissioner and chief executive of the Uganda Protectorate.

Arriving back at Kampala I found that the four lorries had been engaged for our small expedition and that they would be loaded and ready to depart the following day. For the remainder of the afternoon I walked about Kampala, finding it to be an almost model small town. Although there is no sewerage and all the water must be carried in from the Lake and boiled, there appears to be no slovenly district in the entire locality. By some magic all refuse is removed during the night, streets are kept as clean as the floor of a home and the European section looks more like the residential suburbs of a European or American city, than anything in Africa. Across from the hotel, there is the nine hole Uganda Golf Course, where every white person above the age of fifteen foregoeth at sundown for a round of golf. I spent the hours before supper sitting on the balcony of the hotel watching the players teeing off and meditating upon the uncommon popularity of a game which has within recent years made its way into the heart of "Darkest Africa."

Stalled by a Truck.  
The next morning, we packed our bags, threw them in the touring car which had been engaged to come with us, and said goodbye to Kampala and the Imperial Hotel. We were bound for MacInde, 165 miles away toward Lake Albert. It was about 11 o'clock when the last of our lorries pulled away, and we fell in at the rear of the line of cars, to be sure that we would not lose any

of our trucks along the way. It was fortunate that we decided to do so, for half way to MacInde we were stalled by a large truck which had run out of gas in the middle of the narrow road. The Hindu driver refused to push it out of the way to make room for us—refused in fact, to do anything at all about it. It was then that we got out of our car, put our shoulders to the truck and pushed it out of the way ourselves. The Hindus were quite upset and our drivers told us that such procedure was not the custom in Africa, but had it not been for our Yankee impertinence and lack of respect, I don't doubt that we should be somewhere along the road now, chaffing pleasantly with the Hindus and waiting for the arrival of a passerby who happened to be carrying ten extra gallons of petrol.

Just before dinner we arrived at MacInde, which appeared in the darkness to be little more than a native village and an hotel. To our mutual surprise and pleasure the hotel was excellent. Although it is run by a native the rooms are clean and well-furnished, the baths appear to be sanitary and the food is thoroughly first class. I shall not soon forget that dinner and bed.

Largest Crocodiles.  
Yesterday at four thirty in the morning we were up and dressed, preparatory to making the last jump to Butaba, where we were to embark for Murchison Falls, Palm Beach to the largest crocodiles in Africa. Although the trip is only 45 miles, we planned to allow ourselves enough time to negotiate the charter of a boat and the proper handling of our cars and baggage. Until such details had been arranged we left the trucks in MacInde to await word by telegraph from us.

At about 7 we reached the top of the escarpment overlooking Lake Albert. It is a scene which unfolds so suddenly and so beautifully that all of us were without words for the moment. Dawn was breaking across the blue mountains of the Belgian Congo, on the opposite side of the lake. Two thousand feet below stretched the plain which ran from the hills upon which we were located out to the water and which connected to us by a white ribbon road, winding in and out down the side of the mountain. On a tiny arm of land were the buildings of Butaba, the pier and the ship we were to take.

As we reached the level of the low-lands, the view lost itself to us. We were hemmed in by trees which looked like so many sage bushes from above, a few minutes before. The road stretched straight ahead to the Butaba pier and warehouse. Another fifteen minutes and we had arrived at Butaba and were shaking hands with Commander Buckler who is everything from District Commissioner to Life Guard in those parts.

A Modest Ambition.  
Butaba, Uganda, May, 21, 1929. I have decided to include the activities of the past ten days in one entry of my diary. During that time we have covered about four-hundred miles of country, but since it is all to be covered more thoroughly by our combined party later, and since we were in too much of a hurry to make careful note of anything but the most general details, I feel that it is best to confine myself for the time being in favour of more accurate exposition later.

It was our purpose on the small "high pressure" safari from which I have just returned to make a very rapid examination of certain parts of the country which had been suggested to me as being suitable for "Trader Horn" locations. It was my modest ambition to find 500 crocodiles who could pass a Hollywood make-up test, a herd of elephants who would listen to reason, a few plain and fancy Rhinos who could be depended upon to charge the camera upon request, as well as a tribe of pygmies, a witch doctor and a giant native who was intelligent enough to handle the part of "Rencherer," the fourth most important character in the picture.

Many More Hippo.  
And—without being too literal about it—we were successful in each instance. At Murchison Falls we found 500 crocodiles and many more Hippo—so many in fact, that they almost upset the launch which was taking us up the Victorian Nile to the Falls. Whether or not they will sit up and be photographed is something we will have to worry about when we reach the location en masse. The vicinity of Murchison Falls is a Uganda game preserve where shooting is prohibited except in self defence. It will be necessary to obtain the permission of the Governor of Uganda to camp in the preserve and the fact that it is also a part of the sleeping Sick-

ness area will necessitate the permission of the Chief Medical Officer if we are to stay longer than twenty-four hours. With those minor details excepted, the crocodile sequence is practically on its way to the laboratory.

Travelling up the White Nile from Lake Albert to Rhino Camp we passed large herds of elephant, also of the preserve. They are there, there is no doubt of that, but when we beg in operations with cameras, are lights, and generators it is a question as to just what will transpire. It is illegal to shoot them and they don't speak English. The only thing I can think of is monkey-nuts. Perhaps it is best to do all the worrying when the time comes. In the words of the trainer whose elephants broke loose and lodged in a munitions shed, "Everything's all right, I know where they are."

At Rhino camp we failed to find any Rhino, but you don't find Buffalo at Buffalo, New York either. We did locate Rhino the next day, however, near Arua, and again experienced great satisfaction. If I can find the game I'm not worried, but even a director can't work without tools. All I have ever asked is that I be given enough actors to fill my parts, proper place for them to act in and a technical crew that understands its business. In this picture I have the human actors, I am sure, I have the location—the best in the world—and I have what I believe to be the best crew in the business. The rest of my actors—the animals—are here in abundance as I have just ascertained, and if I can't make them act as they are supposed to I'm in the wrong profession. In Hollywood—the only impossibility is the impossible and it's up to me to mould Africa to the pattern of Hollywood for a few months.

The Pygmies.  
But that begins to sound like a laudatory article on the cinema—let's get back to Africa. We had to drive for five days through the Belgian Congo before we came upon the Pygmies. Quite suddenly on Sunday, May 19, we landed in the midst of them at Bene. They were very considerate, told us that they would do what we wanted them to and bid us a fond farewell the next day, not understanding in the least why we had come or what we meant by "motion pictures." Anyway—there are the pygmies, and Bene is marked on my map with a large red circle and a scrawl which says "pygmie" to all who can read my writing.

The matter of a witch doctor to play an important "bit" in the picture, gave me considerable worry until I reached the uncivilized parts of Africa—particularly the Congo where the natives are thoroughly unspoiled by the white man. There I was able to find innumerable witch doctors suitable for use in the picture. There is one in almost any tribe of any size. They correspond to the American Indian medicine man and are by necessity superior in intelligence to the average native. I shall depend upon the best location and the tribal dress to decide the particular witch doctor to use. In this one instance I was pleasantly surprised to find a wealth of excellent material.

An Adequate "Rencherer".  
In the single objective of locating the adequate "Rencherer" I was disappointed. It is a curious and noteworthy fact that the African native as a type is neither tall nor heavily muscled. In the South Seas when I was filming "White shadows of the South Seas" and "The Pagan" I could have found dozens of admirable Rencherers. The Polynesian is larger framed and more athletic than the central African native. From the time I arrived in Mombasa I have been constantly on the alert, casting an appraising eye at each big native I passed. In almost every case I have found that the tall native is either too slender or too misshapen to fit the role and in the few cases that I did come upon one with a physique to suit the part, I found that its possessor was incapable of the most elementary acting or had placed himself under contract at some kind of a job.

In Royal Footsteps.  
To-night we are back where we started from, camped on the side of the escarpment overlooking the plains of Butaba and Lake Albert. We are occupying the same rest camp, in fact, that was home to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit here last fall. Tomorrow we proceed to Masindi where our Nairobi party will meet us in full force, with our entire equipment. If they have obeyed my telegraphic orders, they will be ready to proceed at once to our first location on Lake Albert.

[To Be Continued.]  
[A few issues of the China Mail of Monday and Tuesday containing the first two instalments of this enthralling story, are available.]

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### PRIZE FIGHTS AND FOOTBALL GAMES.

#### YOUNG MAN OF MANHATTAN.

Fast-moving and modern as a Schneider Cup aeroplane racer, "Young Man of Manhattan" comes to the Central Theatre to-day as the main feature on a splendid programme.

Based on the Saturday Evening Post serial and best-selling novel by Katharine Brush, one of America's youngest and most successful writers about young people, the picture picks up in impetus on the screen what it couldn't have attained by the slower medium of the printed word.

The principal characters, Claudette Colbert as Ann Vaughn, Norman Foster as Toby McLean, Charles Ruggles as Shorty Ross and Ginger Rogers as Puff Randolph, are seen against a thrilling pattern of prize fights, football games, six-day bicycle races, hotel room sprees, night clubs and other rendezvous of the boys and girls who furnish America with its daily newspaper fare.

Here is a romance-drama that is packed with real American zingo. It carries a whoopee-wallp in one hand, and a human, throbbing love-theme in the other. Sure, there's a lot of carousing and drinking—but then there's a lot of hard work and serious-minded love-making too.

If you like a warming, tingling love story, seasoned with red-hot American pep, get a load of this "Young Man of Manhattan."

#### "FEET FIRST."

Methods may come and methods may go, but the Lloydian fun goes on, seemingly, for ever.

In other words, no matter what the requirements of film production might be, Harold Lloyd and his staff of the Harold Lloyd Corp. keep right on exhilarating the screen-going public with new thrills, new laughs in each succeeding production.

In the old silent days, Lloyd's pictures were made from a sketchy story outline, with gags being filled in with each succeeding day's work on the set or location.

Then came the second era of procedure as exemplified in "Welcome Danger." This was Harold's first picture in which he became articulate.

The method on "Welcome Danger" was a hybrid procedure. The silent version was made first. Then this version was "shot" over again with dialogue added for the mikes.

"Feet First," his current comedy-thriller coming to the King's Theatre to-morrow, marks a new era of picture-making for Lloyd. "Feet First" was worked out from an original, detailed script in which all dialogue and gags had been rehearsed before the cameras and microphones started the recording process.

#### "THE DESERT SONG."

It is singularly fitting that "The Desert Song," the screen's first opera, should be produced by Warner Brothers, whose introduction and development of the Vitaphone is solely responsible for the advent of the speaking photoplay.

Presenting the first "sound film" when they released the John Barrymore production, "Don Juan," with a synchronized orchestral score, Warner Brothers next included actual talking in Al Jolson's "The Jazz Singer." Then followed many other productions making a constantly added use of the Vitaphone, and finally several which were "all-talking."

As a climax to their endeavours they have produced the glorious musical play, "The Desert Song," which comes to World Theatre to-morrow.

The all-star cast appearing in the screen version of "The Desert Song" includes John Boles, Louise Fazenda, Carlotta King, Johnny Arthur, John Miljan, Marie Wells, Jack Pratt, Edward Martindel, Otto Hoffman, Myrna Loy, Robert E. Guzman, Del Elliott and a magnificent singing chorus of one hundred voices.

#### "MIN AND BILL."

Directing a crowd of extras in five different languages was the task faced by George Hill when he directed the fishing village scenes in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Min and Bill," in which Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery will be seen starting on Saturday at the Queen's Theatre. A location at Terminal Island was used and actual fisher folk employed as extras. They included Japanese, Danes, Portuguese, Slovaks and even Indians. The picture, based on Lorna Moon's novel, "Dark Star," is a vivid drama with Miss Marie Dressler in her first character role since "Anna Christie." Dorothy Jordan, Marjorie Rambeau, Donald Dillaway, Frank Jennings, Russell Hopton, Frank McGlynn and Greta Gould are in the supporting cast.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

### COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

#### Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

#### Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Anybody's Woman." To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Whoopie." To-day—Central Theatre; "Young Man of Manhattan." To-day—Majestic Theatre; "River of Romance."

#### Home Mails.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Ranpura).

Saturday—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan), 8.30 a.m.; for Europe via Marseilles (Comorin), 10.30 a.m.

#### Meetings.

Friday—China Underwriters, Hong Kong Bank Building, noon.

#### Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

#### NOVEL RUSE.

### JEWELLER'S ASSISTANT PUT IN BATHROOM.

An audacious robbery was carried out by a Chinese yesterday. The firm of Wing Sing, Queen's Road Central, were victimised of \$670 worth of jewellery.

It appears that a man telephoned, asking to have a selection of jewellery sent up to a room in the Empress Hotel. An assistant was sent with the jewellery and on opening the door was confronted by the man with a revolver. The man seized the parcel of jewellery; the youth was put into the bathroom; and the robber made off with ease.

### A WEEK'S DISEASES.

#### TOLL OF TUBERCULOSIS AND TYPHOID.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended May 16 is as follows:—

Cases.	Deaths.
Enteric fever .....	2
Diphtheria .....	0
Cerebro-spinal fever ..	1
Tuberculosis .....	58
Summary to May 16.	
The returns from January 1 to May 16 give the following figures:—	

Cases.	Deaths.
Typhoid .....	67
Smallpox .....	14
Scarlet fever .....	18
Diphtheria .....	8
Cerebro-spinal fever ..	2
Puerperal fever .....	20
Tuberculosis .....	8
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Thirteen of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were two scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, and 16 diphtheria cases.

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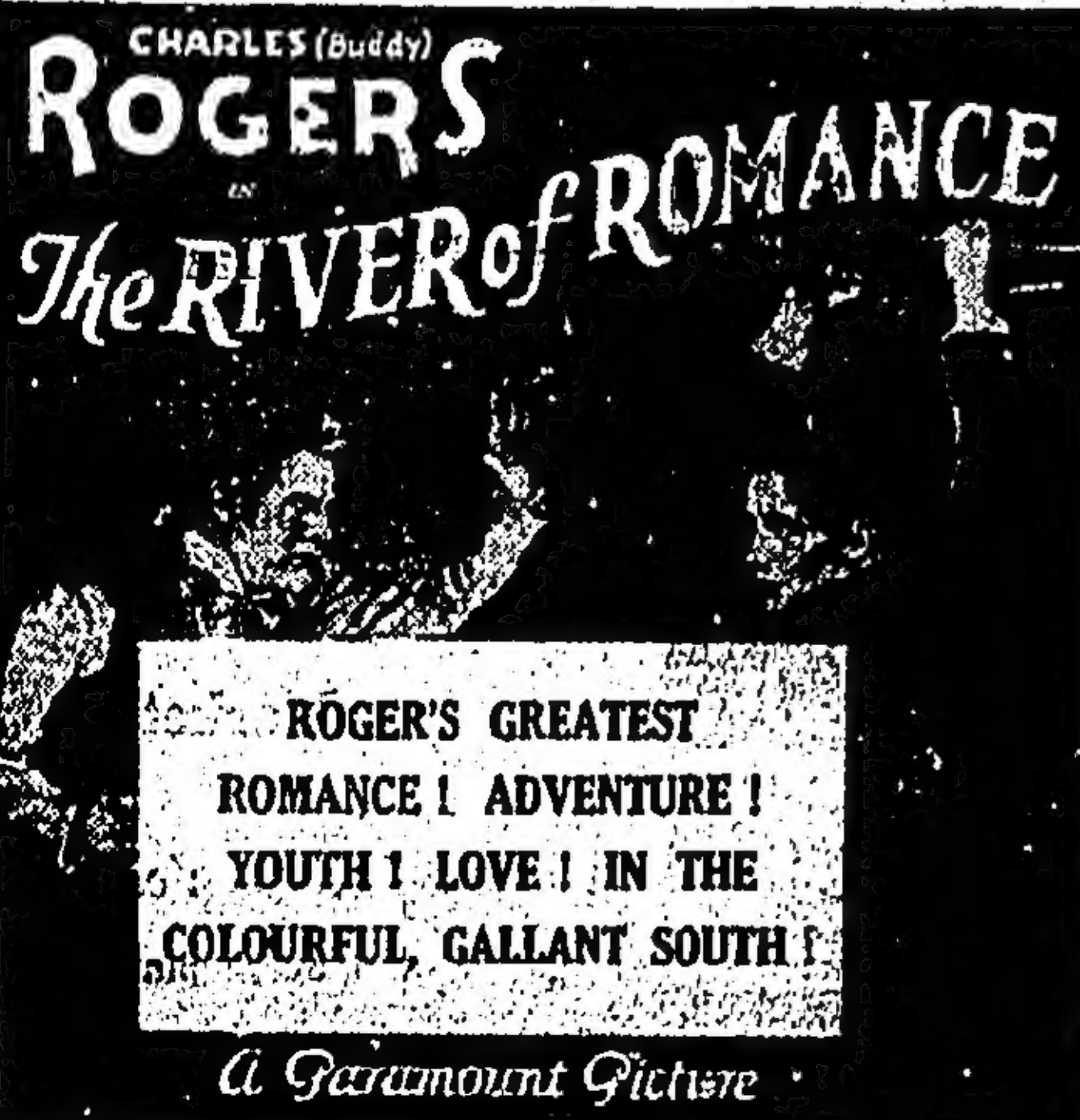
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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### BRITISH AMATEUR GOLF.

Only One American Survivor.

WETHERED STILL IN.

London, Yesterday.  
In the third round of the British Amateur Championship at Westward Ho Voigt beat Abercrombie, Fairbanks's conqueror, by 2 and one.

Roger Wethered beat T. Torrance by 4 and 2.

Dr. McCormack beat Demaria, a wealthy young Argentinian, by 3 and 2.

Cyril Tolley beat Robert Harris by 4 and 2.

America's Only Hope.

Douglas Fiddian beat Hadden at the 21st.

Martin Smith (Royal St. George's) beat John Forsman (Winged Foot) at the 20th, leaving Voigt as the sole player remaining of the eleven Americans. Voigt meets Bernard Darwin in the next round.

Earlier Rounds.

Earlier cables stated:—  
At Westward Ho yesterday it was Douglas Fairbanks's first attempt to win the British Amateur Championship, and he was the great attraction, being followed by a large crowd when he was beaten by one up at the last green by J. Abercrombie of the Royal Liverpool.

There is a probability of a British-American final, Tolley against Voigt. Tolley has received a bye into the second round; while Voigt beat the Lincoln champion, Bowman, 4 and 3.

Bombardier Wells, the British ex-heavyweight champion, beat the veteran International, H. Taylor, 4 and 2.

Other first round results were: Sir Ernest Holderness (twice the holder) beat G. Hannay, 2 up. Douglas Grant beat De Paolo (America), at the 20th.

Leonard Crawley, the English native champion, has scratched.

Second Round.

In the second round the village gardener of Northam, the adjacent course, was the hero of the morning, beating the brightly-attired American, Tom Maguire, by 3 and 2. Andrews, the victor, has to work before the match, after which he resumes work. He had the local milkman as his caddy. All the villagers ran over to congratulate him.

To-day's surprises were:—  
Lister Hartly beat one of the favourites, Edward Tippet, a London golfer, of Langley Park, by 2 and 1.

The young Midlander, Douglas Fiddian (Stourbridge) eliminated a former English champion, by 3 and 2.

The veteran, Robert Harris, beat the Scottish champion, Kenneth Greig, 2 up.

Several Americans fell. Nall, cousin of the Royal and Ancient, beat Paul Azbill, 4 and 3.

Rox Hartley, former Californian, beat Douglas Grant, 5 and 3.

Hadden, of Orinda, America, beat Joshua Crane, of Brookline, 4 and 3.

John Forsman, of Winged Foot, had a walk over from the Oxonian American, Herbert Scheffel, who scratched.—*Reuter.*

### TWO REFEREES FOR FOOTBALL.

Interesting Experiment in Calcutta.

EXAMPLE FOLLOWED.

Calcutta, April 25.  
Calcutta is making an experiment with two referees for soccer to-morrow when the Loyal Regiment, the Calcutta League Champions, and the Durham Light Infantry, one of the finest football combinations in India, meet on the Calcutta ground.

It seems that the Association at Rangoon had two referees for their football matches all last season, totally regardless of the laws of football laid down by the F.A. and the Calcutta Football League, replying on the fact that they are not affiliated to the Football Association, are trying to follow that example.

### CHAMPIONS LOSE TO WORCESTER.

HAMMOND 168 NOT OUT.

Hampshire Strategy at the Oval.

NEW ZEALAND WIN.

London, Yesterday.

The defeat of Lancashire at Worcester provided the sensation of the week-end cricket programme. Batting first, the home county scored 169 and proceeded to dismiss the champions for a paltry score of 75. In the fourth innings Lancashire, requiring 211 runs for victory, were dismissed for 85, Root claiming 9 wickets for 23 runs.

Gloucester, thanks to a fine undefeated century by Hammond, secured a first innings lead over Sussex at Brighton. With Larwood in good bowling form and centuries from Walker and A. W. Carr, Nottingham comfortably took first innings points from Northants at Trent Bridge. The match between Leicestershire and Derbyshire resulted in a struggle for first innings points, and stumps were drawn after the winning hit on the first innings.

The following were the most noteworthy batting and bowling feats accomplished during the week-end cricket programme:—  
Batting.  
Hammond (Gloucester) ..... 168\*  
A. W. Carr (Notts) ..... 140  
Bowler (Sussex) ..... 103  
Walker (Notts) ..... 102  
T. C. Lowry (N.Z.) ..... 101  
Cook (Sussex) ..... 8 for 63  
G. D. Kemp Welch (Camb.) 101  
\* Denotes not out.  
Bowling.  
\*Tyldesley (R.) (Lancs.) 11 for 59  
Verity (Yorkshire) ..... 10 for 25  
Root (Worcester) ..... 9 for 23  
Slater (Watt) ..... 8 for 63  
W. E. Merritt (N.Z.) ..... 7 for 29  
Larwood (Notts) ..... 6 for 44  
I. B. Crompton (N.Z.) ..... 6 for 46  
Mayer (Warwick) ..... 6 for 76  
Nichol (Essex) ..... 6 for 81  
Kennedy (Hants) ..... 6 for 88  
Perks (Worcester) ..... 5 for 19  
A. H. Fabian (Camb.) ..... 5 for 36  
Parker (Gloucester) ..... 5 for 59  
Freeman (Kent) ..... 5 for 63  
Dunston (Middlesex) ..... 5 for 80  
Watt (Kent) ..... 4 for 5  
\*Tyldesley took 11 wickets in the course of the match.

Kemp Welch seems in good form after his short tour of Egypt with H. M. Martineau's XI. Yesterday he scored 101 against the Middlesex attack. The New Zealanders secured their second victory of the present tour at the expense of the M.C.C. at Lords, T. C. Lowry, a relative of A. P. F. Chapman, scoring his first century of the tour. Forced to follow on 201 runs in arrears, the M.C.C. were dismissed for 48 runs, the lowest score of the season. Merritt followed up his 8 for 41 against Essex by taking 7 wickets for 28 runs. Kent found little difficulty in accounting for Derbyshire although gaining a lead of but 20 runs on the first innings. Watt, a bowler who played in very few matches last season, took 4 wickets for 5 runs in Derbyshire's second innings.

The match at the Oval provided many surprises. Surrey batted first and scored 245. Hampshire had scored 127 without loss when the declaration was made. Surrey increased their advantage by scoring a further 103 runs for the loss of only two wickets at which point they, in turn, declared. Requiring 222 runs for victory Hampshire lost half their wickets for 125 runs before stumps were drawn.

### FIRST CLASS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE TO DATE.

	P.	W.	L.	Won	Lost	Pts.	Fin.
Gloucestershire (2)	5	3	0	1	1	75	53
Yorkshire (3)	2	2	0	0	0	30	30
Kent (5)	2	2	0	0	0	30	30
Somersetshire (14)	3	1	0	0	2	45	21
Middlesex (16)	2	1	0	1	0	30	20
Worcestershire (10)	3	1	1	1	0	45	20
Notts (4)	3	1	1	1	0	45	20
Sussex (7)	2	1	0	1	0	30	18
Gloucestershire (11)	2	1	1	0	0	30	18
Lancashire (1)	3	1	2	0	0	45	15
Surrey (8)	4	0	2	2	0	60	13
Derbyshire (2)	4	0	2	2	0	60	10
Hampshire (13)	2	0	0	1	1	30	8
Leicestershire (12)	2	0	0	1	1	30	8
Northamptonshire (17)	2	0	0	0	2	30	3
Essex (6)	4	0	3	0	1	60	3
Warwickshire (18)	3	0	3	0	0	45	0

The figures in brackets were the positions occupied by the counties at the close of the 1930 season. The method of scoring this year is as follows:—15 points for a win; 7½ points for a tie; 5 points for a win on the first innings and 3 points for a loss on the first innings; 4 points for a tie on the first innings and 4 points for a no result.

### TILDEN THE WORLD'S BEST PLAYER.

Wins Professional Title Easily.

RICHARDS BEATEN.

Philadelphia, May 14.

William T. Tilden to-day won the professional lawn tennis championship of the United States and of the world when he defeated Vincent Richards in the third of a series of matches which began in the Madison Square Garden, New York, a week back.

Tilden won by 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.—United Press.

In 1918, 1919 and 1922 Tilden won the American doubles title with Richards as his partner. In 1926 Richards beat Tilden on three occasions and in October of the same year he turned professional. Tilden delayed this step until last December in order to be able to play against Richards and Kozeluh for the professional title, as he had already won amateur championship at Wimbledon in 1930.

Below are appended the full results as cabled by Reuter:—

Worcester defeated Lancashire by 126 runs at Worcester.

Scores:—  
Worcester: 169 (Tyldesley (R.) 5 for 31); 117 (Tyldesley (R.) 6 for 28).  
Lancashire: 75 (Perks 5 for 19); 85 (Root 9 for 23).

Kent beat Derby by nine wickets at Derby.

Scores:—  
Derby: 150 (Freeman 5 for 63); 137 (Watt 4 for 5).  
Kent: 170 (Slater 8 for 63); 119 for 1.

Surrey took first innings points from Hampshire at the Oval.

Scores:—  
Surrey: 245 (Kennedy 6 for 86); 103 for 2.  
Hampshire: 127 for no wicket declared; 125 for 6.

Gloucester took first innings points from Sussex at Brighton.

Scores:—  
Sussex: 107 (Parker 5 for 59); 278—3 (Bowler 103, Cook 101\*).  
Gloucester: 289 for 5 dec. (Hammond 168\*).

Notts took first innings points from Northants at Trent Bridge.

Scores:—  
Northants: 211 (Larwood 6 for 44); 78 for 2.  
Notts: 302 for 3 dec. (Walker 102\*, A. W. Carr 140).

Leicester took first innings points from Essex at Leicester.

Scores:—  
Essex: 245 for 7 dec.  
Leicester: 246 for 8 (Nichol 6 for 81).

### FRIENDLIES.

The New Zealanders beat the M.C.C. by an innings and 122 runs at Lords.

Scores:—  
New Zealand: 302 for 9 dec. (T. C. Lowry 101\*).  
M.C.C.: 182 (I. B. Crompton 6 for 46); 48 (W. E. Merritt 7 for 23).

Cambridge U. drew with Middlesex at Cambridge.

Scores:—  
Cambridge U.: 239 (G. D. Kemp Welch 101, Durston 5 for 80); 87 for 3.  
Middlesex: 185 (A. H. Fabian 5 for 36).

Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by an innings and 25 runs at Leeds.

Scores:—  
Warwick: 201 and 72 (Verity 10 for 36).  
Yorkshire: 238 (Mayer 6 for 76).



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HENRY COTTON IN  
GREAT FORM.Mitchell Beaten in  
Match Play.

## TRIUMPH OF YOUTH.

In view of the recent sweeping success of Henry Cotton, the young British player, over a formidable field in the Southport Professional Golfers' Tournament, the following details of his crushing defeat of Abe Mitchell in match play last month are of interest. They are culled from the Manchester Guardian:

Abe Mitchell suffered the most surprising defeat of his career at Sundridge Park, Kent, when Henry Cotton, the leader of the generation of young golfers, beat him by the overwhelming margin of seven up and six to play, in a 36-hole match. The occasion, the opening of the club's new second course, was a social function, but the match was a trial of strength between a golfer who is a redoubtable match player and international, and a young man who has been anxious to prove that he is a worthy representative of British golf.

## Mitchell The Favourite.

The game can be briefly summarised: with 18 holes played it was all square; with 27 holes played Mitchell was six down; and at the thirtieth the match was all over. The "gallery" made Mitchell the favourite, and in the first round he justified the confidence reposed in him, for Cotton saved himself time and again only by getting down in one putt. Each went out in 36, and the match turned all square. Cotton had the lead at the sixth, and these were the only holes not divided. It was similar on the homeward journey, for each player won a hole and the other seven were halved. Mitchell took the lead at the twelfth, where, for the only time in the match, Cotton was bunkered and he held it until he played a wild approach to the home hole and left Cotton with a yard putt round a half stymie for a win to square. Each had gone round in 74.

## A Collapse.

Mitchell appeared to collapse at the beginning of the second round. His erratic play was startling. He gave Cotton chances, and the young man seized them with both hands, so that what had promised to be a magnificent struggle developed into a procession. Mitchell looked like a tired man, while his opponent, half his years, became greatly confident. Seldom has Mitchell played so badly. He never gave his long putts a chance, and time and again the ball stopped an inch or two from the hole, while Cotton was down in one putt on many greens.

## Abe's Poor Golf.

Mitchell's bad golf was exemplified at the first hole of the second round, where he hooked his drive, played a poor second shot, and struggled for a four, while Cotton, after two perfect shots, holed a six-yard putt for a "birdie" three. At the third Cotton had another "birdie," due to a fine approach, and on the only occasion on which he was in danger of losing a hole—the fifth—he holed a three-yarder for a half. Mitchell played really bad shots at the sixth, seventh, and eighth holes, and he took three putts at the ninth. Cotton won all of these and gathered a lead of six holes, being out in 83 against 40. Cotton made a six-yard putt for a two at the eleventh and was down seven, and though he missed his second to the twelfth hole, he got down from five yards for a half, and the match was over. Cotton had an average of five under fours for the twelve holes played in the second and was three under fours for the match, while Mitchell was five over.

TEST SELECTORS ARE  
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Players.

## THREE NEW NAMES.

London, April 29.

The England Test Match Selection Committee was appointed by the Cricket Board of Control during their meeting at Lord's yesterday, as follows:

P. F. Warner (Middlesex), Chairman; P. Perrin (Essex); and T. A. Higson (Lancashire).

Mr. Howard Marshall writing in the Daily Telegraph says: The new cricket Selection Committee—none of the old members have been reappointed—will serve for two years, which means that it

## Our Sports Diary.

## LOCAL.

LAWN BOWLS—Saturday—Division I.—Kowloon Docks v. C.S.C.C.; Craigengower v. Recreation; Police v. K.C.C.; Tai Koo v. K.B.G.C.; Division II.—Recreation v. Craigengower; C.S.C.C. v. H.K. Electric; K.C.C. v. Yacht Club; K.B.G.C. v. Tai Koo.

GOLF—Sunday—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Junior Section v. Kowloon Golf Club at Happy Valley. Summer Cup (First Round) at Kowloon Golf Club. FENCING—Monday—Hong Kong Fencing Club at 5.15 p.m. RACING—Saturday and Monday—Sixth Extra Race Meeting. WATER POLO—Monday—Entries close for League, 6 p.m.

## HOME.

CRICKET—To-day, To-morrow and Friday. Worcestershire v. New Zealand. Middlesex v. Leicestershire. Surrey v. Sussex. Essex v. Derby. Glamorgan v. Lancashire. Somerset v. Nottingham. Northants v. Kent. Cambridge U. v. Warwick. Oxford U. v. Gloucester. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

Glamorgan v. New Zealand. Middlesex v. Sussex. Essex v. Worcester. Lancashire v. Yorkshire. Somerset v. Kent. Northants v. Leicestershire. Nottingham v. Surrey. Warwick v. Derby. Gloucester v. Hampshire. GOLF—To-day to Friday—British Amateur Championship at Westward Ho.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—French International Championships (Continued).

FOOTBALL—To-day—Italy v. Scotland at Rome. Sunday—Switzerland v. Scotland at Geneva.

YACHTING—Saturday—Royal Harwich Regatta.

MOTOR CYCLING—Saturday—French Gold Cup.

RACING—Sunday—Belgian Derby at Brussels.

will have the heavy responsibility of picking the English team to meet the Australians in the Winter of 1932.

At first sight it seems to be an improvement on Mr. Leveson Gower's committee, which was so strangely vacillating last Summer. No one will question Mr. P. F. Warner's high qualifications; Mr. Perrin, the old Essex batsman, will be a popular choice in the South; and at last the North is represented, and worthily represented, by Mr. T. A. Higson, the hon. treasurer of the Lancashire C.C.

Mr. Warner, no doubt, will make a good chairman; but I cannot help feeling that it is a pity that there is not one selector at least with him who is still playing, or has only just retired, and who could, therefore, judge the candidates with first-hand knowledge of their capabilities in the field.

It is true that two professionals may be co-opted, one to represent the North and one the South, but it is not altogether easy for professionals to speak their mind with complete freedom. This lack of a playing member seems to me a weakness in the new committee, and I am sorry for that reason that Mr. J. C. White is no longer serving.

## EXCHANGES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

Bank, wire	11 1/2
Bank, on demand	11 1/2
Bank, 4 months' sight	11 11/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/— 5/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/— 7/16
On demand	60 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	64 1/2
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On New York—	
On demand	23 9/16
Credits, 60 days' sight	24 11/16
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Wire	65 1/2
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On Calcutta—	
Wire	65 1/2
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On Singapore—	
On demand	41 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	47 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	77 1/2
Dollar	7 1/4 dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	47 1/2
buying rate	1/— 3/4
Silver (per oz.)	12 9/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nom.
Copper Cash	Nom.
Copper Cents	3 1/2 prem.
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Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.55 1/2
New York	4.86 17/32
Brussels	24.98 1/2
Geneva	35.32
Amsterdam	12.11
Milan	92.91 1/2
Berlin	20.42 1/2
Stockholm	18.14 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	18.16 1/2
Vienna	24.60 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	48.8
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	417
Rio	3 1/2
Buenos Aires	35 1/16
Montevideo	30
Bombay	1/6 13/16
Shanghai	1/2 3/4
Yokohama	2/— 13/32
Hong Kong	11 1/2
Silver Spot	12 9/16
Silver Forward	12 1/2

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## GOLFERS NEED NOT "FORE."

A Judge Reverses A \$200  
Damages Award.

There is no obligation to shout "Fore!" when about to drive a ball in golf, according to Judge Joseph M. Swearingen, of Pittsburgh. The judge has reversed the findings of a jury who awarded \$200 damages to a man who was injured by a golf ball driven without warning by another player on the course.

The judge's actual words were: "The court cannot find any evidence that any obligation existed to warn the plaintiff that a ball was about to be shot. Besides that, there was an assumption of risk of the game on the part of the plaintiff. He was engaged in a game of sport. The fact of an accident is no proof of negligence."

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STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
<b>Banks.</b>						
Hong Kong Bank	...	...	3020	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 31
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	12	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	...	...	...	22 1/2	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Apr. 31
Bank of Asia	120	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Feb. 28, 31
<b>Insurance.</b>						
Canton Ins.	1880	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Pending
Union Ins.	640	...	642	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Pending
China Underwriters	...	3.85	5.70	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Pending
China Fire Ins.	600	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Pending
H. K. Fire Ins.	1800	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 28, 31
<b>Shipping.</b>						
Douglases	...	...	25	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930, Mar. 4, 30
H. K. Steamships	...	...	29	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] June 19, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	40	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930, Jan. 6, 31
Shell Transport	...	...	45 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 31, 31
Union Waterboats	...	...	27 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 31, 31
<b>Mining.</b>						
Benguet	...	...	9 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 31, 31
Kailash Mining Ad.	...	...	30 1/2	...	June	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Dec. 30, 30
Langkat (Single)	...	...	4.05	...	Oct.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] May 8, 30
Shui Exploration	...	...	2	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Feb. 6, 31
Loans	...	...	14	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 16, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	...	...	31	...	...	...
<b>Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.</b>						
H. K. & W. Wharves	168	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930, Mar. 16, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930, Mar. 16, 31
South Ch. Moors	...	...	5.85	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] April 8, 31
China Provident (old)	...	...	3.70	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] May 4, 31
Hongkong	...	...	385	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 4, 31
N. Engineering	...	...	112	...	Apr.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] July 30, 30
Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Lands, Hotels &amp; Buildings.</b>						
H. K. & S. Hotels	18.35	18.40	18.90	40	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Apr. 16, 31
H. K. & S. Hotels (R.R.)	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Apr. 16, 31
H. K. Lands	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 19, 31
Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Feb. 24, 31
H. K. Realities	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Apr. 16, 31
Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...	Feb.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] July 31, 30
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>						
*Ewo Cotton	...	...	13.60	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 12, 31
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	10 1/2	...	Apr. and Oct.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Pending
Zong Sigs	...	...	11 1/2	...	June	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Oct. 11, 30
<b>Public Utilities.</b>						
*H. K. Tramways	21.10	...	21	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Feb. 27, 31
Peak Tram (old)	...	...	14 1/2	...	Apr.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] June 16, 30
Star Ferry	...	...	95	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Feb. 13, 31
*China Light	...	...	20 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Dec. 16, 30
H. K. Electric	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
Macao	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
Sandakan Light	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
H. K. Tel. fully paid	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
China Buses	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
S'port Tractors (Ord.)	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
(Pref.)	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
<b>Industrials.</b>						
China Sugars	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
Malacca Sugars	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
Cald. Mag. Ord.	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
*Cementa (com.)	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
*Cementa (old)	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
H. K. Ropes	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
<b>Stores, &amp;c.</b>						
Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
Watsons	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
Der A Wings	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
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Sinclair	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
Wm. Powells	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>						
H. K. Amusement (old)	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
H. K. Amusement (new)	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
Ch. Entertainment	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
H. Ind. G.S. Bonds	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cents for 1930] Mar. 18, 31
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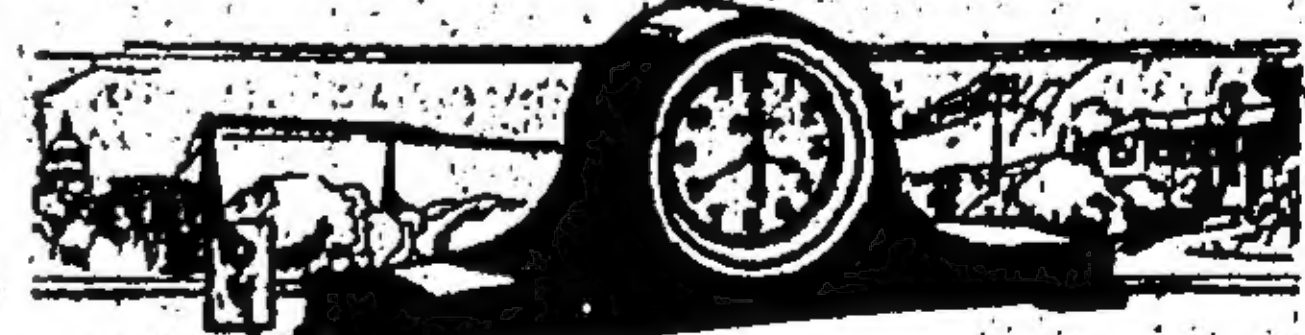
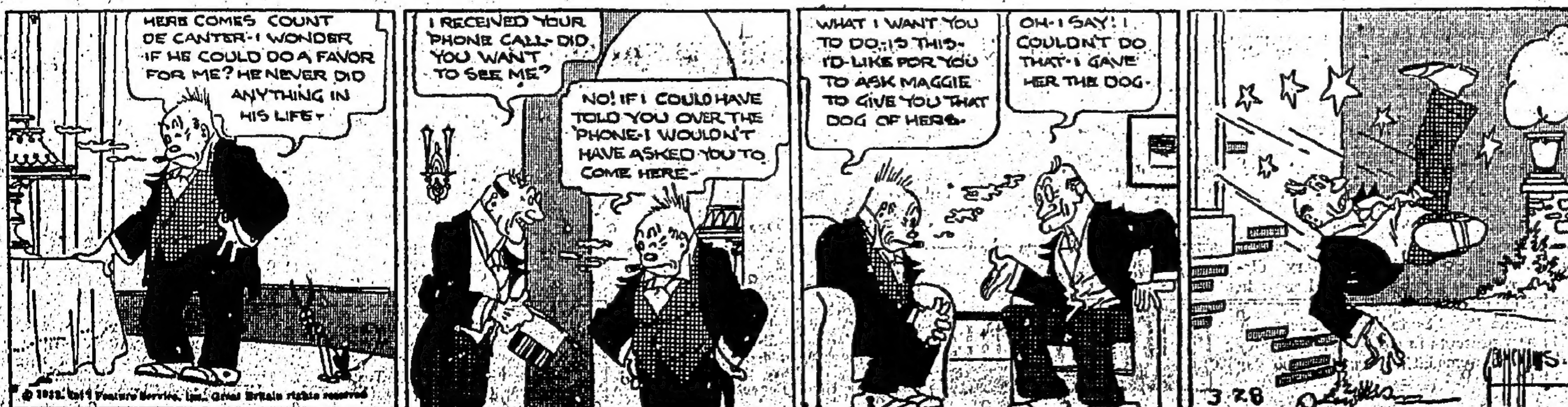
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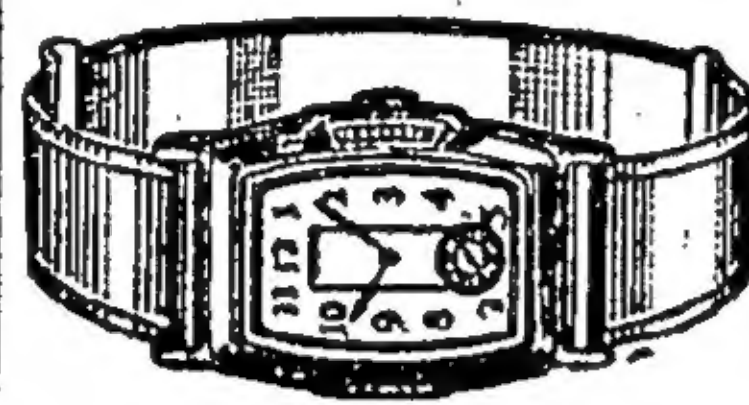
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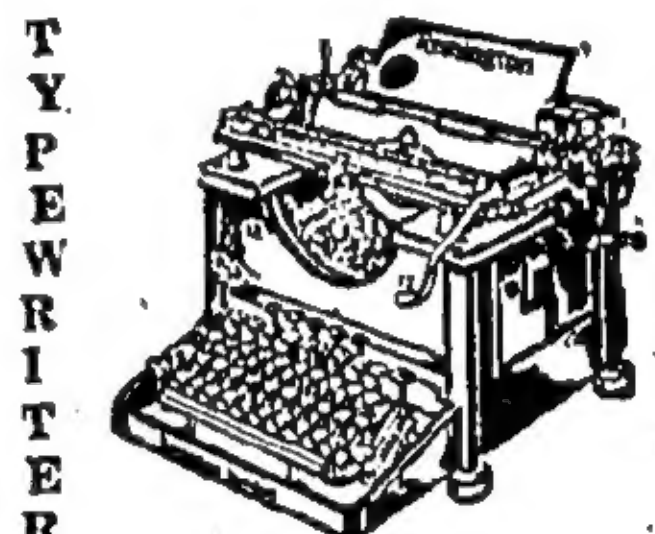
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These loathsome customs are still  
in vogue in remote parts of the  
British Protectorate of Sierra  
Leone.

I have gathered details of the  
activities of a few of the worst  
organisations, particularly of the  
Human Leopard Society in the Im-  
perri district of the Sierra Leone  
Protectorate.

The bush country of the Imperri  
is sparsely populated by tribes of  
the Mendi, the Vei, and the Bullom  
negroes, most of whom are pagan  
deists.

The best part of their lives is  
spent in seeking to propitiate the  
Unseen, through the medium of a  
supposed mystic force embodied in  
charms and jujus manufactured by  
the witch doctors.

It is believed that those who use  
or wear these tokens, or who con-  
sume some portion of a human  
body, obtain protection from sick-  
ness and other ills, and renew  
within themselves the spirit and  
quality of the deceased.

For these folk cannibalism has  
therefore a mystic significance.

### Grim Amulets.

This explains the existence of  
the infamous secret organisations  
known as the Human Leopard and  
the Alligator Societies.

The members of these organiza-  
tions supply the witch doctors with  
human material for the manufac-  
ture of amulets, and of a much-  
sought-after potion called Bofma.

The victims are tracked down and  
killed with a type of weapon that  
inflicts wounds similar to those  
made by a leopard's claws.

The societies are recruited volun-  
tarily and by impressment. When  
the edict to join up has been issued  
no man dare ignore it.

The ceremony of initiation is con-  
ducted in secret with much savage  
pomp and circumstance.

The Laki, or chief leopard, wear-  
ing a headress of human bones and  
a leopard skin, presides, and cuts  
the prescribed ritual marks in the  
flesh of the recruit.

There are scores of authentic re-  
cords of murders committed by the  
Human Leopard Society. One mem-  
ber murdered his own daughter of  
eighteen years of age. At a place  
named Bogo, a fifteen-year-old boy  
was the victim. Magisterial in-  
vestigations failed to trace the  
murderers.

### Terrorism.

A more notorious case was that  
of a chief, Humpa Peyombo, who  
offered his sister for sacrifice. His  
offer was refused. A villager  
named Kananda was selected in-  
stead, was killed after atrocious  
torture, and eaten by the members.

Terrorism is a potent weapon,  
and the administrative officers of  
the Protectorate experience insuper-  
able difficulties in bringing offen-  
ders to account.

Leopardism may be called a mur-  
der organisation, but those who  
know it best regard it as a tribute  
consciousness—a brutal instinct of  
self-preservation—fostered through  
long periods of primitive, savage  
life.

The Government may drive it  
beneath the surface by repressive  
measures, but it is hopeless to ex-  
pect to eradicate the evil so long as  
the belief of the negro in the power  
of magic and witchcraft remains  
unshaken, and while his brutal  
mentality continues to be what it  
is.

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nights. Don't allow baby to  
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to-day and keep it handy.

## LEAVE SEASON OF THE YEAR.

### Joy of Seeing Unknown Faces.

### HOME FROM THE ORIENT.

Many thousands of us are com-  
ing home just now; every ship that  
steams Londonwards through Suez  
brings us, by the score, men on leave  
from the Far East. For most of  
us it is three years since we saw  
London and for a few it is five since  
we were able to wander along  
Piccadilly and the Strand, says a  
correspondent to the London  
Evening News.

Homewards! You don't begin to  
realise it until Port Said is passed  
and you have left behind, at Simon  
Arzi's store, your whites and sun  
hat. Those are "left to be called  
for" on the way back East, a mo-  
ment as yet only dimly visible  
on the six-months-distant horizon.  
It seems strange to put on a dark  
suit again—the first time for three  
years. It is not as smart as it was  
either, but fortunately everybody on  
the boat looks much the same. It  
holds, too, the undisguisable odour  
of a tropical wardrobe and, if I look  
closely enough, I can see what heat  
and humidity have done for it. But  
it still has a fit, an unusual caress-  
ing feeling round the hips and  
shoulders which we do not encour-  
age our Chinese tailors to produce.  
Home!

### Call of the East.

For three days I have involun-  
tarily shouted "Boyyyyh!" to the de-  
corous waiters of a West End  
hotel but I am beginning to get out  
of it now. I remember, too, to  
ask for a whisky-and-soda instead  
of a scotch, and to offer silver for  
a cocktail instead of putting out a  
hand for a chit pad and pencil.  
Life seems very full and busy and  
a trifle unreal.

Pockets have come back into my  
life.  
In the East you may have two or  
three pockets, but you really carry  
nothing in them. There is no need.  
Now I have to carry a wallet with  
money in it and to spend money is  
the strangest thing of all. In the  
East, where your written word is  
indeed your bond, your salary dis-  
appears as quickly as would snow in  
Singapore, but you don't actually  
spend it. As to my waistcoat, it  
now presents to me a whole territory  
of accommodating cavities, so far  
idle.

It is nice to eat food again that  
tastes so entirely different; to drink  
a glass of really plain water instead  
of an acid lemon squash. It is  
better still to enjoy once more the  
velvet of a Burgundy or the virile  
amber of a hock. And I don't want  
to eat curry for at least six months.  
Six Months' Escape.

These are only the details, the  
little charms that make six months  
escape from the Far East so en-  
joyable. What is the best of all?  
To my mind it is to walk along  
the Strand or Bond Street, to enter  
an hotel or restaurant and not to  
see a face you know. To go, if you  
wish, to a theatre pit, to ride on top  
of a public omnibus, to walk along  
the pavements instead of riding in  
a car, to be an unknown guest in  
a vast city and to enjoy the in-  
finite company of a great loneliness.

How far away the Club seems  
now, the Club where we know every-  
body so intolerably well and each  
other's business better than we  
know our own. The same faces  
and the same talk.

A good spot though—out there—  
and good fellows.

Six o'clock. They would all be  
drifting in now. Gossip and gossip  
and the tinkle of ice. Which re-  
minds me—

Boyyyyh! Sorry, waiter, I still  
forget.

### DAME MARY WILLS.

The death occurred at Clifton,  
Bristol, of Dame Mary Monica  
Wills, widow of Mr. Henry  
Hamilton Wills, one of the most  
wealthy of the Wills tobacco  
family. She was closely asso-  
ciated with her husband in his  
benevolent work, and since his  
death had continued his charita-  
ble activities.

Some years ago she was made  
a Lady of Grace of the Order of  
St. John of Jerusalem. She was  
a sister of Sir Hugo Cunliffe-  
Owen.

The Provincial Department of  
Agriculture estimates that its ex-  
penditure this year will amount to  
\$300,042, an increase of some  
\$20,000 over last year. The  
amount for encouraging stock rais-  
ing and dairying is \$13,500 more  
than in 1930 and that for soil and  
crops is reduced by \$7,000.

### COMING ???



## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will  
be broadcast to-day from the  
Hong Kong Broadcasting Station  
Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355  
metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-  
gramme of Victor Records.

7-10.30 p.m.—Operatic.

Band—

Trovatore Selection (Verdi),  
Crotore's Band (35778).

Song—

Cavalleria Rusticana (Well You  
Know, Good Mother) (Mascagni),  
Tosca (Love and Music) (Puccini),  
Maria Jeriza, Soprano  
(1346).

Band—

Cavalleria Rusticana—Selection  
(Mascagni),  
Crotore's Band (35815).

Song—

L'Africana (Lead me Toward the  
Vessel) (Meyerbeer),  
Enrico Caruso, Tenor (7154).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather  
Report.

7.30-8.08 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—

When You and I were Seventeen,  
Yearning,  
Victor Salon Orchestra  
(19702).

Orchestral—

Kachmiri Song—Matinata,  
The Merry Widow—Waltz,  
The Troubadours (19532).

Steel Guitars—

When It's Love-Time in Hawaii,  
Down Hawaii Way,  
Green Brothers' Marimba  
Orchestra (19589).

Pipe Organ Solo—

Lenox Avenue Blues,  
St. Louis Blues,  
Thomas Waller (20557).

Banjo Solo—

The Doll Dance,  
Eddie Peabody & His Banjo  
(20593).

8.08-8.42 p.m.—Orchestral.

Petite Suite (Bizet),  
March of the Little Lead Soldiers  
(Pierne),  
Victor Concert Orchestra  
(19730).

Romance (Tchaikowsky),  
In a Monastery Garden  
(Albert Ketelbey),  
Victor Concert Orchestra  
(35808).

In a Persian Market (Ketelbey),  
In a Chinese Temple Garden  
(Ketelbey),  
International Concert Orch.  
(35777).

Blue Danube Waltz (Johann Strauss),  
Wedding Dance (Paul Lincke),  
International Concert Orch.  
(35527).

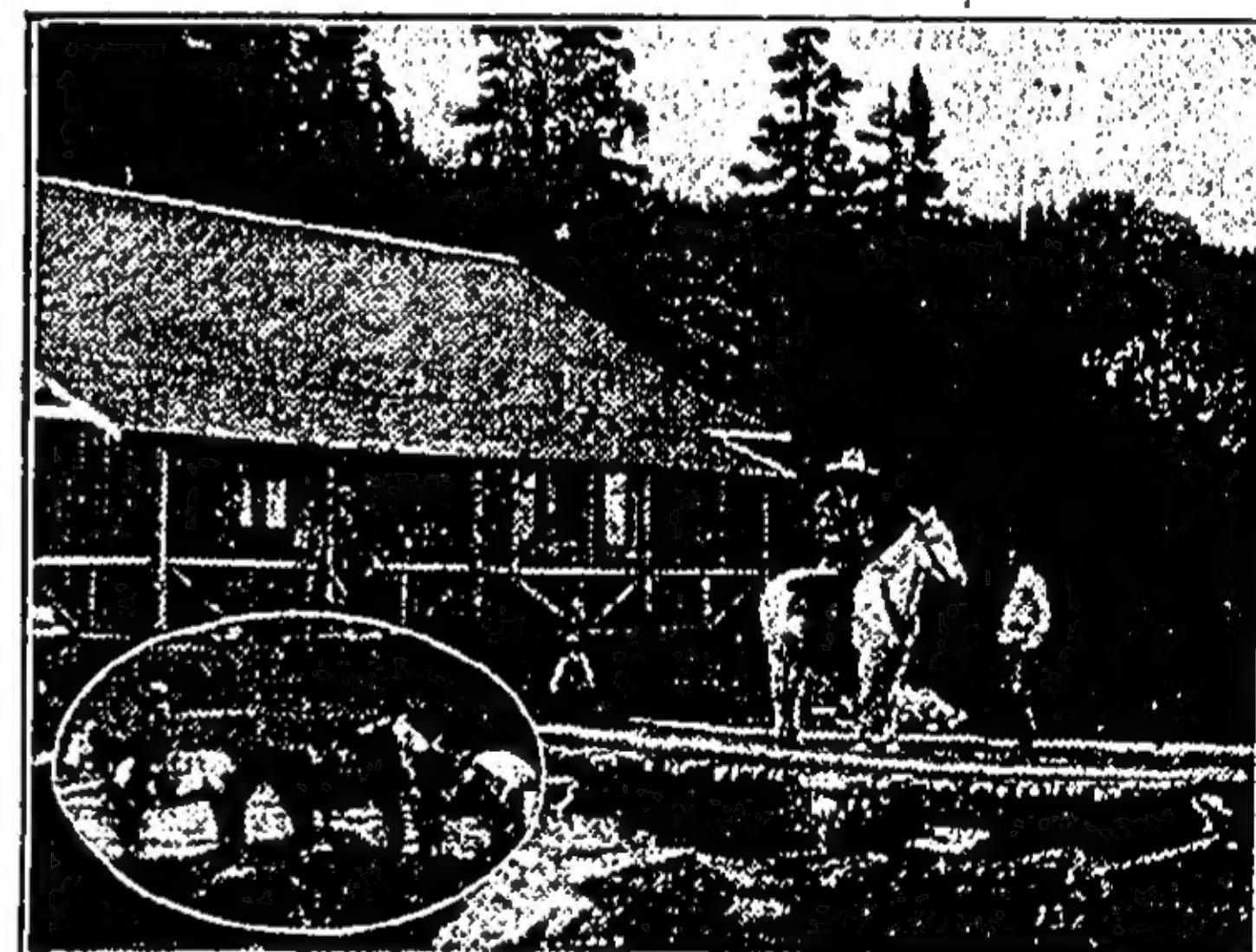
8.42-9 p.m.—Organ Solos.

You Forget to Remember,  
(Irving Berlin),  
Jesse Crawford (19909).

In a Little Spanish Town  
(Lewis & Young),  
Just Like a Bird's-Eye View of My  
Old Kentucky Home  
(Kahn & Donaldson),  
Jesse Crawford (20449).

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## VITAL OIL TREATY RATIFIED.

Agreement Between  
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### INCOME TAX CLAIMS.

London, Yesterday.  
The agreement between the Iraq Government and the Iraq Petroleum Company was ratified yesterday.—Reuter.

[The agreement was signed on March 26, between the Iraq Government and the Iraq Petroleum Company, comprising British, French, American and Dutch interests, after months of protracted negotiations, principally involving income tax which the Iraq Government originally claimed on the profits derived from the Company's operations even outside Iraq. The agreement provides income tax on profits in Iraq only and an annual consolidated payment disposes of the pipe lineage of production. The agreement disposes of the pipe lines which are being built both to Tripoli and Haifa.]

## CHINA'S REQUEST.

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION OF  
THE LEAGUE.

### JAPANESE SYMPATHY.

Geneva, Yesterday.  
The League Council has granted China's request for the co-operation of the League's technical organism.

Signor Grandi, who acted as rapporteur in the matter, said the request deserved the appreciation of the League.

The Japanese member of the Council, Mr. Yosizawa, associated himself with these sentiments, and expressed great sympathy with the efforts of the Chinese Government in the work of reconstruction, in which Japan cordially co-operated.

The Chinese representative thanked the League for its co-operation, which was much appreciated all over China.—Reuter.

## CUSTOMS PACT.

UNANIMOUS VOTE OF LEAGUE  
COUNCIL.

### SUBMISSION TO THE HAGUE.

Geneva, Yesterday.  
The League Council experienced a sensation to-day, when a short, sharp reply was made by Dr. Curtius to M. Briand's statement that the political aspect of the Austro-German Customs Union should later be submitted to the League Council. Dr. Curtius declared:—

"If The Hague Court decides that the Customs Union is legal, it will be intolerable to bring Germany before the Council as a disturber of European peace."

The Council then proceeded to vote on Mr. Arthur Henderson's proposal to submit the legality of the Austro-German Customs Union to The Hague Court, and the proposal was adopted unanimously.—Reuter.

## SALVATION ARMY.

HIGH COUNCIL TO APPOINT  
GENERAL.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The House of Commons last night passed a resolution approving of a Bill that the General of the Salvation Army shall be elected by the High Council, and its property in Great Britain be

## SEQUEL TO OUSTRIC BANK SCANDAL.

Charges Against Four  
Ex-Ministers.

### CLAIM REJECTED.

Paris, Yesterday.  
The Senate, sitting as a High Court, has ordered an additional enquiry into the charges against the ex-Minister, Raoul Peret, ex-Ambassador Besnard, and two ex-Under-Secretaries of State, in connection with the Oustric financial scandals, and has rejected the accused's claim for immediate trial and a verdict of not guilty.—Reuter.

## AGAINST SOVIET.

CONSERVATIVE MOTION IN  
COMMONS.

### BROKEN PROMISES.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
By 243 votes to 223, the House of Commons last night defeated the Conservative motion for a formal reduction of the Foreign Office Vote, as a protest against the Government's policy regarding Russia.

The motion complained that the Government had undertaken that the Soviet promise to abstain from propaganda, should be regarded as putting an end to propaganda against the British Empire by the Third International, yet those activities had been allowed to continue.

The Prime Minister said what was in dispute was, in effect, the relations between the Soviet Government and the Third International. As to whether the Soviet Government was endorsing recognition of the activities of the Third International, the Soviet Government said "No." The British Government said "Yes," and continued to say "Yes," because they knew what they were talking about. It was, however, the Government's duty to consider the consequences, and the Government would not break off relations, for the breach could make matters worse. The Government was inspired by the same reasons as inspired the Foreign Secretary in the late Conservative Government in 1925, and were to-day inspiring France and Germany, which had been treated even worse than Britain.—British Wireless Service.

## CHINESE AVIATION.

FORTY PLANES ORDERED FROM  
BRITAIN.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
A semi-official message states that in order to facilitate an improvement in the existing commercial air services and institute new air routes, the National Government has decided to purchase forty British aeroplanes.

In ordering the Foreign Ministry to arrange with the company concerned for the purchase, the Government specifies that the planes be equipped with light machine-guns in order to eliminate the possible danger to passengers from bandits.—Reuter.

vested in a custodian trust company. In favour of the Bill, which had the strong support of the Salvation Army, it was contended that Parliamentary sanction was necessary to do away, in practice, with the possibility that one General should appoint his successor.—British Wireless Service.

## SMUGGLER'S RUSE DISCOVERED.

Man Who Carried Photo  
of European Girls.

### FINED \$9,000.

Another clever method of opium smuggling was learned by Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning; when a Chinese appeared on a remand charge of the unlawful possession of 75 taels of illicit opium.

Producing a rattan basket, Revenue Officer W. Ward explained that the opium was concealed in a flat shaped brass tank, which in turn was fastened to the bottom of the basket, being covered over. The basket had to be sent to a factory for the opium to be boiled out.

Mr. Schofield—What do you do for a living, defendant?

Defendant—I am a carpenter in the country.

His Worship—What did you come to Hong Kong for?

Defendant—I am en route to Samoa.

R. O. Ward—I think that is right, your Worship. He has some pictures of European and Samoan girls!

A fine of \$9,000 with the option of a year's hard labour was imposed.

## SUEZ CANAL DUES.

DIRECTORS DO NOT FAVOUR  
REDUCTION.

### BRITISH ATTITUDE.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons at question time to-day the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. W. Graham, said that he understood that at a meeting of the Directors of the Suez Canal Company held in Paris on May 11 a decision adverse to any immediate reduction of dues was reached.

The Report of the British Government's Directors would be considered by the Departments concerned and he would make a statement on the subject as soon as possible.—British Wireless Service.

## DISARMAMENT.

MR. HENDERSON ELECTED AS  
PRESIDENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Council of the League of Nations to-night by a unanimous vote appointed the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, as President of the Disarmament Conference, which opens next February. Mr. Henderson agreed to accept nomination provided the British Cabinet approves.—British Wireless Service.

## TIRED OF IT.

RUSSIAN STOWAWAYS SENT  
TO JAIL.

"I'm getting tired of this sort of thing," said Mr. E. W. Hamilton, in the Kowloon Police Court, this morning, when he sent two Russian stowaways, Gregory Popoff and Linowig A. Binkin, to jail for two months with hard labour.

The two men boarded the s.s. Hang Sang at Shanghai, and were discovered hiding in a lifeboat when one day out from the Northern Settlement.

A report from Copenhagen states that there is a steady increase in the quantity of laid-up Danish shipping. According to the weekly report of the Danish Steamship Owners' Union 91 steamers aggregating 317,398 tons are now laid up.

## AMUSEMENTS

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